

FIGHT WITH INDIANS—ONE WHITE MAN KILLED.

—On Saturday last, Jacob Robinson, a packer, went to an Indian rancharia near Smith's ranch on the Sacramento river, about twenty miles above this place, and asked for an Indian to hunt an estrayed mule. The one whom he addressed said that the Indian that always hunted up the stray mules had gone to Yreka. Robinson told him that he didn't believe it, for he had seen him a short time previous. A young Indian, who had formerly resided with D. D. Harrill, of this place, then approaching Robinson, told him that he was "Shacklaw" of that tribe, and that if he had anything more to say he had better say it to him; and he then snubbed Robinson's nose with his quiver of arrows. Robinson immediately went back to Smith's ranch, and getting Mr. McGowan and Wm. King to follow him, returned to the rancharia. When the two latter arrived, Robinson was already engaged in a fight with the Indians. Seeing that he was being overpowered, however, he took to the river, and while swimming across received an arrow in his head, one in the shoulder, and one in the thigh, all of which Dr. Henry Bates, of this city, extracted, and now his prospects of recovery are favorable.

McGowan snapped his gun at an Indian, and then clubbing it, went into a hand-to-hand fight with a number of them. He received a severe cut in the head with an ax, and an arrow in the left ventricle of the heart, which resulted in his death on Monday. Mr. King managed to escape to the hills unhurt.

During the the week the whites have secured about a dozen of the chief men of the tribe, and will hold them as hostages until the Indian boy (the same who lived with Mr. Harrill,) who shot McGowan, is delivered into the hands of the officers of the law.—*Shasta Courier.*

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Fight with Indians, Nevada Democrat

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The Boomerang and Waddie.

The boomerang is a puzzle: and even mathematicians cannot comprehend the law of its action. It is a piece of curved hard wood, in the form nearly of a parabola: it is from thirty to forty inches long, about three inches broad, pointed at both ends, the concave part a quarter of an inch thick, and the convex edge quite sharp. The mode of using it is as singular as is the weapon. Ask a black to throw it so that it may fall at his feet, and away goes the boomerang for forty yards before him, skimming along the surface at three or four feet from the ground, when it will suddenly rise into the air for forty or fifty feet, describing a curve, and finally drop at the feet of the thrower. During its course it revolves with great rapidity, as on a pivot, with a whizzing sound. That so barbarous a people should have invented a weapon of this description, which civilization never contemplated, nor can explain, is a wonder, setting the laws of projection at defiance. In the hands of a European, even, it is as dangerous to the thrower as to the object aimed at, for it may return and strike himself; whilst, in the hands of a native, it is a most formidable weapon, which strikes without giving the least idea where the blow comes from; his assailant may be behind a thicket which separates the two, and thus the weapon is literally like the Irishman's gun— one which will shoot around a corner. The weapon, no doubt, originated in kangaroo hunting, it being necessary that the animal should not see his assailant. He is, nevertheless, struck down with unerring certainty, even though a corpse intervene; the boomerang comes round the corner and breaks his legs.

The waddie is also formidable, from its size and weight. This, like Manton's pistols, is the weapon of honor—for the black fellow of New South Wales, like his brother says of the

The Atlantic Telegraph.

The Directors of the Atlantic Telegraph Co., have published a card, from which it appears that they have nearly if not quite abandoned the hope of the successful working of the present cable. They say:

That a serious fault exists in the cable at some point between 200 and 300 miles from Valentia, cannot be doubted; but as Mr. Whitehouse had established arguments of considerable action between the Valentia and Newfoundland stations in case of difficulty, it is not altogether possible to say whether the entire embarrassment arises from the fault referred to.

They have, therefore, sent out with full instructions one of the staff, and they are encouraged to hope that some communication may possibly yet be established through the cable for a time, even in its present state, and that as soon as the weather and other circumstances are such as to encourage the making an attempt with some chance of success to raise and repair the injured part, it is not beyond probability that the existing cable might be rendered permanently useful.

It was hoped that by this time the undertaking would have been in process of earning a dividend, by which its rank and position might be consolidated.

This legitimate result has been postponed by adverse circumstances; but the Directors, in spite of this piece of evil fortune, cannot remember otherwise than with an honorable feeling of pride and satisfaction, that the primary and ruling motive which actuated them and their brother shareholders in entering upon the first epoch of this great work was not altogether of a-ordid or mercenary character, and that one at least of the great objects of the subscribers has been fully successful.

The Kremlin.

An ingenious piece of mechanism, being no less than a miniature representation of the "Kremlin," the Russian palace at Moscow, was on exhibition at Red Bluffs last week. It is composed of over two hundred thousand pieces of California wood. The Baron, gives the following account of the builder, and description of the work:

The builder, Mayer Malowanski, a Poleander, and by calling a farmer, was several years ago a Captain in a Polish regiment, known as the "Warsaw Children," composed entirely of young men under 21 years of age, and afterwards promoted to the rank of Major, after which they fell into the hands of the Russians, who searched, disarmed and allowed them to leave the country, at the same time confiscating all their property to the use of the Russian Government. M. Malowanski, leaving his wife and one son in Warsaw, Poland, managed, with a considerable sum of money, being distressed in mind at the thought of being separated from his family, and of having his farm, (800 acres of land,) taken from him, and appropriated by a government from the very depths of his soul he hated, he commenced a drawing of a plan of the Kremlin, solely for the sake of having something with which to occupy his mind. After completing the plan, he conceived the idea of whittling out, on a small scale, the palace itself, and, accordingly, set about the work with a degree of patience and endurance, perhaps never before equalled, occupying his entire time for the space of three years, and two months. At the end of which time he produced the beautiful palace in miniature, complete in every department. The building is four stories high, with a tower at each end and

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