Miss Editors:

Through the columns of your valuable paper I wish to state a few facts in relation to certain things that have transpired since I have been a resident of this valley. Everyone who knows me, at all knows that I came here with honorable intentions, and that I have ever maintained the same honorable course; yet there are those who are mean enough to charge me with the basest

It has been reported that I have given the Indians poison; this charge I pronounce to be a base and malicious lie. I came to this valley to make it my home, and, up to last winter, invariably treated the Indians well. I left here to go to your place to transact some business, and when I returned, I found everything in ashes, and my dear brother whom I loved as my brother, was murdered by the Indians whom he had fed, and I had fed, without hope of reward.

Seeing all this, and feeling that it was my duty to avenge the death of my brother and our other neighbors who had shared a like fate with him, I raised a volunteer company, and did chastise them; and it is for this they blame me. And even those who have been sent by the Government to protect the valley have been very slack about punishing the Indians for committing depredations. I cannot attribute this to anything but negligence. I wish to state a few facts in relation to one Captain Gardner, that is in command of the post here, when he came, Lieut. Crooks had command, and the people were secure both as to their lives and pro-

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blame the... And even those who have been sent by the Government to protect the valley have been very slack about punishing Indians for committing depredations. I cannot attribute this to anything but cowardice. I wish to state a few facts in relation to one Captain Gardner, that is in command of the post here, when he came, Lieut. Crooks had command, and the people were secure both as to their lives and property, but he was ordered away, and since that time we have no assurance of either. The Captain has even gone so far as to say that should the Indians kill all the settlers it would be no matter. There was an Indian killed here some time ago with which I was acquainted, and I have been credibly informed that Captain Gardner issued rations to the Indians in order that they might murder me. They remarked before leaving the post, in presence of Captain Gardner, that they would kill me before they came in. Leave it with the people to judge whether I am to blame or not; and whether he is a suitable person to preside over the safety of the people of this part of the country.

You will do me the favor to publish.

Yours, as ever,

S. R. Luckhart.