

INDIAN MATTERS—MOVEMENTS OF THE VOLUNTEERS.—The causes which led to the organization of the Volunteer company under Capt. Messic, and the fact that they are now in active service in this county has been generally noticed by our contemporaries throughout the State, and all that remains to be done by us is to chronicle the movements of the company as faithfully as our limited sources of information will admit of. Contrary to a prediction ventured by us when the company first took the field, they succeeded in surprising one rancharia in the vicinity of where Ross and Stephens were shot. This skirmish took place nearly four weeks ago, and was noticed in this paper shortly afterwards. Subsequently that whole section of country has been thoroughly scoured and not an Indian could be found. As was expected they have temporarily taken up their quarters in more remote localities, or they are secreted in the hiding places of their allies, the Hoopa and coast Indians, and their wants are administered to by them.

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The work which Capt. Messic has before him is of great importance to this entire section of our state, and had it been entrusted to a man of less energy and decision of character to perform, we should almost despair of its ultimate success. For eight years past our citizens have been burthened with the heavy expenses incurred in protecting themselves against Indians, the only means upon which they could rely; and this, coupled with the ordinary incidental expenses of settling a new country, has been a serious drawback to all kinds of business, prevented the development of our agricultural resources and retarded the progress of our country generally.

Now that we have a force called into service by the proper authority, we hope and be-

lieve, that they will not leave the field until  
they have completely relieved us of the pos-  
sibility of any further annoyance from the  
Indians. In a few weeks more the bad weath-  
er will set in, and the mountains will then be  
covered with snow. Then will be the time to  
strike the blow. In consequence of these In-  
dians having been at war the past summer  
they have had but little chance to supply  
themselves with food for the winter, and if  
proper care is taken that they be not sup-  
plied by the Hoopa or coast Indians, we are  
inclined to the opinion that the campaign for  
this winter will put a final stop to the depreda-  
tions of the hostile tribes.

