

his body most indecently and inhumanly cut up and mangled."

By the Humboldt mail, on Wednesday night, we received the following letter from a friend at Arcata, giving the details of a spirited fight that occurred between volunteers and Indians about three miles from Pardee's ranch last Sunday :

ARCATA, Nov. 18, 1861.

FRIEND GORDON:—A detachment of fourteen volunteers, of Capt. Werk's command, attacked a band of Indians yesterday morning, some three miles from Pardee's ranch, and after a severe fight of two hours and forty minutes, were compelled to withdraw, the Indians having been strongly reinforced during the engagement. The detachment was in command of Chas. Huestis, who was left dead on the field. All but four of the volunteers were wounded—two severely.—Great feeling prevails here on account of the death of young Huestis. He is a nephew of Rev. A. J. Huestis, of this county, and has many warm friends on the Bay. Every man who can raise a gun and animal is going out to-day, in hope of finding the body of Huestis, and overtaking the Indians.

The volunteers fought like tigers, and only yielded the ground when they found themselves surrounded by five times their number, and their leader killed. It is not known how many Indians were killed in the engagement. Maurice Bosqui, who carried the mail to your place a few trips last summer, killed the red skin who shot Huestis, and received a slight wound himself.

Yours in haste, ARCATA.

The above recital is but a continuation of outrages which the Humboldt people have continually suffered for five years past, but as the *Times* predicts, we trust it cannot continue much longer. The citizens of that Indian-scourged county are now fairly aroused, and unless the Government agents immediately collect and remove from her borders every hostile Indian, we hope they will not falter until the foe is totally exterminated, and if necessary their white abettors and sympathizers. We believe that a white man is better than an Indian, and even if the latter have been wronged in a hundred instances, it does not by any means warrant the indiscriminate murder of innocent white men. Punish the guilty parties! Either kill the Indians, or the whites who wrong them, and cause the killing of inoffensive persons. It is the only cure.

