

The Volunteer Expedition in this County.

The present volunteer expedition in this county is the only one which has ever been properly organized and successfully conducted in California. The General Government is morally bound to indemnify our State for all money expended by order of our Executive for protection against Indians, and had all previous expeditions for that purpose been managed with that strict economy, and carried forward with that degree of activity which has so far characterized the movements of the force now operating against the Indians in this county, Congress would never have hesitated in making the necessary appropriations to meet them. The enormous claim pressed upon Congress by Oregon, and the impertinent resolution of Gen. Lane to abolish the United States army, because Congress had the presumption to entertain doubts as to the legitimacy of such a heavy sum, has caused our Representatives to be a little cautious in making blind-fold donations for such purposes. Previous expeditions in California have been conducted more with a view to making money than peace, and a fine margin left for speculators where no sworn officer accompanied the expedition, whose duty it was to look after the interests of the State, or Government in furnishing supplies.

We have an unlimited degree of confidence in the "American people;" but we are not blind to the fact that the elastic consciences of persons who have presented claims for supplies furnished, or service rendered, has cost our Government many thousand dollars.

The reckless expenditures attending former expeditions, however, are chargeable to either the negligence or incompetency of Executives. Does any one suppose that, with a man like John B. Weller for Governor, a debt of two hundred and nine thousand dollars would have accrued in an attempt to suppress Indian hostilities, in Siskiyou county, alone? Or is it reasonable to conclude that, had the

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~~We do not parade these matters now because it gives us pleasure to harp on dishonest or inconsistent actions that have passed, but we do so that the expedition which is now doing such good service in our county, may not be sneeringly ranked among some others which have been neither creditable nor advantageous to our State. Since Messic's company was first organized they have been kept busy all the while. Gen. Kibbe has been with the expedition from the first, and with him the responsibility of the campaign rests. It is for him to say when the war shall end, and this, he assures us, will not be until the Indians are entirely cleared out of that section. He superintends, in person, the purchase of all the supplies, and takes bills for the same. Instead of paying for packing his supplies he employs mules by the day or month, and details men from the company to do the packing. And in all matters pertaining to company expenses, the strictest economy is used.~~

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We are assured by Gen. Kibbe, that the scope of country which these Indians have occupied will afford pasturage for from twenty to thirty thousand head of cattle, and that it surpasses any he has ever seen in California for grazing purposes. He gives it as his opinion that, throughout that whole section, where there are not more than twenty settlers, in three years there will be several hundred

