

#### Indian Troubles.

As usual, in this county, the approach of winter is accompanied with Indian hostilities. Each succeeding winter clearly demonstrates the beauties of our Indian Department as practised by the officers of our Government having it in charge. When the acorns, grass seed, and ordinary summer food begin to fail, then it is that stock must suffer by our mountain Indians, while those who live in the valleys, and on the coast, where food is abundant all the year, receive what little aid is extended to their race by Indian Superintendents out of the liberal donations of money annually made by our Government.

Within the last two weeks cattle have been killed out of almost every band between Van Duzen and Mad River. A letter in another column, from our Hydenville correspondent, sets forth the condition of affairs in the Yager Creek section, and suggests what he considers the only remedy—a volunteer company, under State authority.

In the vicinity of Kueceland's Prairie and the Buttes some twenty-five head of cattle and one horse have been killed within three weeks. In one case a band of cattle were driven in the redwoods by the Indians, where several were killed and the fires by which the meat was dried were found still burning by a party of settlers who followed the Indians. One fine work ox, belonging to the team of Mr. Page, a logger up the slough, was found dead with an arrow sticking in him, and another ox from the same team is missing.

On these facts being represented to Major Rains he immediately took steps to send out a command, which will be ready to march as soon as the Quarter-master can send out supplies—probably to-day. In addition, to this detachment the settlers and others who have stock there have organized a small company, some ten or twelve men, who will look after the stock and hunt Indians in the meantime. Their supplies left town yesterday, having been furnished by donations from our citizens.

We were informed by Major Rains, on Thursday, that he should also dispatch a command to the Yager Creek country as soon as possible.

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