

### ~~Our Indian Difficulties.~~

~~The events that are now transpiring seem to afford some indications of an approaching crisis in our Indian affairs.~~

~~The issue is about to be fairly and squarely presented both to the citizens and the military authorities whether this district which is second to none in California for grazing, agricultural, and lumbering resources, but which is now depleted in population, and its property ruinously depreciated by this curse fastened upon it by former neglect, mismanagement and untoward sympathy, shall be abandoned altogether by the white man and given over to the remorseless red skin, or whether they shall be at once subdued by a force adequate to that purpose and the last one removed to parts so far remote as to render their return impossible or in the absence of that to provide one ourselves nearer home, but from which a return will be equally impossible. To attempt to suppress this Indian war and to secure our citizens and country from a future recurrence of it, without free and liberal use of powder and lead in a system of warfare similar to their own, will be as idle as would be an attempt to crush the rebellion and restore the Union by the despatch of a messenger to Jeff Davis, with an expression of our sympathy, and a request for him to cease fighting and return to his allegiance. Bitter experience demonstrates the truth of this. The widows, and the orphans in our midst, the smoking ruins of the homes of scores of our farmers and ranchmen, the fresh made graves in our burial places, on the hills and in the valleys of our county, of murdered men and women; the wholesale destruction of property; the utter prostration of business, are but the results of the policy heretofore adopted.~~

~~The intelligence lately received from Fort Gaston and the country around Hoopa Valley, induces the belief that the Indians are preparing themselves for a desperate struggle. The Hoopas have now called upon the Klamath River Indians to join them in their war against the white man. That the Indians are now about to unite and prosecute the war on their part with a vigor never before exhibited seems altogether probable. They have given the citizens of Hoopa Valley, and Maj. Taylor in command at~~

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citement exists there, and we learn that  
reinforcements have been called for from  
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"Neely," writing from Fort Gaston, re-  
ferring to the present movements of the  
Indians, says:  
"All is excitement here. The noted  
Indian—"Big Jim"—has been in and  
around the valley for the last five days,  
leading a band of about forty young  
warriors, all well armed. As yet they  
have made no attack on the settlers, but  
have at different times fired upon the  
friendly Indians of Hostler's band—  
three of whom have been killed. Major  
Taylor is exerting every power within  
his control to afford protection to the set-  
tlers. To-morrow they will all come un-  
der the protection of this Fort."  
It would be perhaps well for the citi-  
zens of Humboldt county and those ad-  
joining which feel the weight of the curse  
that is upon us, that the Indians of Red-  
wood, Mad river, Hoopa and Klamath  
should unite and make common cause in  
this war, if by so doing it would com-  
pense the inauguration of a policy to be pur-  
sued on our part, based upon the convic-  
tion that the country must be surrender-  
ed altogether, or that the Indians must  
and shall be so thoroughly and utterly  
subdued as to settle the matter at once  
and forever. We believe that the move-  
ments of the Indians are such as to in-  
duce the belief that a policy similar to  
this has been adopted by them. We be-  
lieve that the time has arrived when im-  
mediate, energetic and vigorous action is  
demanded. The Mountaineers have been  
reinforced by Companies E, Capt. Gibbs,  
and H, Lieut. Gonnissen commanding, of  
the 2d Regiment, C. V. The people have  
every confidence in the officers and men  
now in the field, and the moment is pro-  
pitious. Let the determination be that  
the Indians must and shall be thorough-  
ly subdued, and we may soon expect to  
see prosperity smiling upon us again.

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