

FIGHT WITH INDIANS AT SOUTH EEL RIVER.—We learn from Mr. E. Swift, who arrived with the Overland Humboldt Mail Dec. 8th, that a fight took place about a week ago between one of the party of three men who were on their way to Humboldt Bay, and a party of Eel river Indians, in which seven of the latter were killed and a number wounded. The report is, that the party having encamped on the river, one of their number went out in quest of game, and when alone, about half a mile away from camp, he shot an elk. He crossed a small ridge, for the purpose of tying his horse, and leaving his blankets, he returned to the place where he had killed the elk, and found a party of Indians butchering it, and, at the same time, another party appeared in an opposite direction, having stolen his horse and blankets. He was armed with a Sharp's rifle, and commenced blazing away at the Indians. The savages then got together, had a parley with him, and agreed to let him leave in peace, provided he would give up his horse and blankets, which he refused to do, and killed three and wounded several others of the enemy. As night came on, he managed to secrete himself in the chaparral, whence he fired at different times, and is sure of having killed seven in all. The remainder started in the direction of the camp, and soon after he heard some twenty shots, in that direction, leading him to believe that his two companions had been massacred. He effected his escape, and, a day or two after, arrived at Armstrong's, near the South Eel river settlement, above the Russian river valley, where he found that the Indians had attacked the cabin, with the intention of robbing it, and had ran off some of Armstrong's stock. Three of the Indians were killed at Armstrong's.

The above is from the *Alta* of 15th inst. It is a little strange that tidings of the affair should be so long reaching us.

