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THE INDIAN TROUBLES.—The difficulties with the Indians are beginning to assume a more and more menacing character, and sound policy would seem to dictate the propriety of sending bodies of troops into the disturbed districts. The Indian trade, one of the most lucrative in the country, is almost entirely broken up, and many of our worthiest citizens will suffer largely thereby. This state of affairs is deeply to be regretted, and what is worse, it is believed generally, that it will to a great extent, prevent the successful working of the mines the present season.

In addition to other outrages, an extended account of which will be published in our next, we learn verbally that a miner was stoned to death by the Indians on Weber's creek, on Tuesday the 24th April, and that a teamster was killed on Wednesday night, the 25th ult., between the Culloma mill and Sacramento city. We could not learn the names of either of the unfortunate men, but the information is so authentic that we rely upon it.

ACCIDENT.—We learn verbally that a launch loaded with merchandise, and carrying five persons, was sunk about forty miles above Suisun, in the Sacramento river, a few days since. It appears the boat ran against a snag, and sunk almost immediately. Capt. Reeves, formerly a pilot at Columbia river, and an Oregonian named Loomis, were drowned. The other three persons reached the shore in safety.

On our first page will be found part of a communication from Col. Mason, relative to the letter of Col. Benton, which we published in January last. It is proper we should remark, in giving it publicity, that it was prepared as appears by its date, and that it has been in the hands of the printer since that time, but press of other matter has prevented its appearance.

FATAL AFFRAY.—A quarrel took place at Carson's creek, a tributary of the Stanislaus, about a week since, between Rudolph M. Mason, and H. J. ...

since, between Roderick M. Morrison and Henry J. Freund, in which the former was so badly wounded by a pistol shot, that he died in about four hours. Morrison was a private in company C., of the 1st N. Y. Regt., when he came to this country, and was afterwards promoted to a lieutenantcy. Freund came out as a hospital steward in the detachment of recruits for the same regiment. Freund was tried for the murder, and acquitted on the ground of "justifiable homicide," it appearing that he acted in self-defence.

We were in error last week, in relating that Hugh Agnew was drowned in crossing the Sacramento.— The accident occurred at the Mormon Island, in crossing the Rio Americano.

STEAMER FOR THE BAY.—The steamboat Spitfire, Martin, which was to be despatched early in February, by J. H. Brower, & Co., of New York, is said to be intended to ply upon the Bay of San Francisco.

A NEW LINE TO PANAMA.—The steamer Hartford, the first of the new line of ocean steamers, intended to run between Panama and San Francisco, sailed from New York on the 20th January last. She is despatched by Allen & Paxson of said city.

ELECTION.—The election held on Tuesday last having been declared informal by the legislative assembly, a new one has been ordered for Friday next, the 11th inst.