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## Bloody Doings on the North Fork.

About two weeks ago a party of Indians came stealthily upon a few miners who were sleeping after their work was over, in their tents, on the North Fork, some twenty miles above Auburn. Before the Indians gave any warning to the whites of their presence, they killed two, wounded another, and then succeeded in making their escape. On Friday of last week, a trader, who was traveling with his team, was surprised by Indians when about fifteen miles above Auburn.— Two arrows from their bows took effect on his person, and he only saved his life by a precipitate flight. They carried off his coat, which he left on his wagon, with six hundred dollars' worth of dust in the pocket. They also robbed his wagon of the valuable goods it contained, and killed several of his oxen. The accounts of these outrages spread rapidly; and on Saturday last a company of about twenty men, part of whom were mounted on horses, started from Auburn and Kelly's Bar, in pursuit of the Indians. They found them encamped in a valley, near Illinoistown, about a mile and a half from the North Fork, and...

North Fork, and some twenty miles above Auburn. It was thought the Indians were a hundred strong. They were armed with bows and arrows, and had one gun. The whites immediately fired upon them, whereupon they ran, scattering in all directions. After this the whites were occasionally shot at by the Indians, small parties of whom were found here and there in ambush, from which they were driven as often as discovered. Two of the whites were wounded with arrows, but not fatally. The loss of the Indians could not be ascertained. Twenty-five dead bodies were found, and it is supposed they concealed and carried off others of their dead. Among their dead were found a woman and a child. The party returned to Auburn, having with them several scalps, which were exhibited in that place in the early part of this week.

It is believed by many of the miners that white men are among the Indians, inciting them to hostilities. It is pretty certain that a German Doctor has been leading them on in some of their attacks.

A meeting was held at Auburn, last Monday evening, to raise a company of volunteers, for the purpose of scouring the country and making war upon the Indians wherever found, so long as they maintain a hostile position. Some fifteen or twenty enrolled their names. There can be no doubt of the right of men to protect themselves when

their lives are endangered, and a certain degree of force is justifiable for the protection of property. We fear, however, the Indians have not always been dealt with in the right spirit in this country, and that many lives have been lost where there would have been no difficulty had more pains been taken to cultivate feelings of amity and accommodation with the aboriginal race. There are too many who are ready, at the slightest provocation, to shoot an Indian; and, possibly, the Indians have often done things consistent with *their* etiquette, which have been misunderstood by our people. We fear it is too late now, after so many difficulties, for our people to live in peace with them, and that hostilities will become more general than heretofore. It would be well for both whites and Indians if Government troops could be sent in sufficient numbers to the most exposed places. Otherwise there is danger of valuable lives being lost, and an irregular warfare being kept up, which many think not at all honorable to either party.

**AUCTION SALES.**—(For particulars see advertisements.—N. A. M. Dudley will sell this morning, at 11 o'clock, the bark John W. Cater.

J. B. Starr & Co. will sell to-morrow morning the brig Sterling; also, a large quantity of pilot bread and other articles.

**FROM SAN FRANCISCO.**—From the Alta California of Saturday last we clip the fol-

lowing :

**Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.**—This respectable and useful institution seems to be in a flourishing condition. The members include the leading merchants of San Francisco, who assemble daily on change at the "Merchant's Exchange," for the mutual advantage of each and every merchant and trader in San Francisco. An election for officers of the board will take place on Monday evening, consisting of a President, Vice Presidents, and six members, who, with the two principal officers, will constitute a committee of appeal, in all cases of litigation.

**California Guards.**—The annual election of the officers of this corps takes place this evening, at Military Hall, on which occasion a full attendance of the company is expected.

**The Bryant House.**—The sheriff's sale of the furniture and appurtenances of this house were disposed of Saturday, at the instigation of some creditors.

**California Circus.**—The Pacific News of May 3d, says :

This evening Mr. Foley opens his circus, situated on Kearny, between Clay and Sacramento streets. Mr. Foley stands unrivalled in his profession, and we have no doubt of his having the most complete artistic arrangements. The city is at present without any resort of public amusement, and we have no doubt but that he will be liberally encouraged.