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Sacramento Transcript, Volume 2, Number 9, 4 November 1850 — "Indian Difficulties." [ARTICLE]

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In the last number of our cotemporary the "Times," there was an article with the above caption, which was written as a response to our remarks upon the singular policy that paper has almost universally manifested, in rather sneering at the correctness of news which we have happened to publish ahead of them. We rather attributed this policy to the workings of the "green eyed monster." The "Times" of Saturday states, however, that we accused it of something that never entered its mind. This is unfortunate, particularly as one of its editors had just previously admitted, in one of our public rooms, that he didn't know as the reason why he took such pains to discredit our news was not "because he didn't get the news as soon as we."

We entirely agree with the editor who wrote the article in Saturday's paper, that it is by far the best policy not to create public excitement unnecessarily. And we think the Transcript will, in point of moderation, compare favorably with the Times in this respect. We are decidedly in favor, however, of giving the news. We only did in reference to the Indian affair precisely what we believe the Times would have done had they procured the news, viz., published the fact that there was much excitement existing among the whites in El Dorado County, taking particular care to

cast a little doubt upon the reports as to *the number of the Indians collected together*, and concluding the article by stating that, as the numbers and strength of the Indians might be somewhat exaggerated, and the fears of danger somewhat unfounded, we trusted that our countrymen would act with that caution which might avert a general bloodshed.

INDIANS AT TRINIDAD.—Mr. S. J. Roach informs the *Alta* that the Indians along Trinidad Bay have grown very hostile, and that the miners had sent to Trinidad for troops for the purpose of protecting themselves.

MORTALITY AT PLACERVILLE.—We are informed, on credible authority, that since the first of August, about which time the overland immigration commenced to set in, there have occurred at the town of Placerville, where many of the immigrants stopped, seven hundred deaths. This would make an average of seven a day. On some particular days the deaths have numbered as high as twenty. Last year the immigration, instead of scattering immediately into the many mining towns, did not stop until it arrived at Sacramento city. Here the immigrants changing their habits, and after their long privations eating imprudently, died off in large numbers, and gave to our city the name of being one of the most sickly spots in California. The summer just over has proved Sacramento to be an extremely healthy locality. And the deaths this year among the immigration in all the mining towns show clearly the reason of the mortality here during 1849, and prove the injustice of those reports spread last year derogatory to Sacramento.

HAY SCALES.—A set of these useful articles is for sale at Johnson's Daguerrian rooms, in this city.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.—On Saturday last the Coroner held the following inquests: One on a man by the name of Nelson, who was found alone in his house, on 5th street, with the doors locked. He was from Indiana, and probably died of cholera. Another on the body of a man named John Roachford, who was from Jackson county, Iowa. His disease was probably cholera.

STRIKE.—It is stated in the San Francisco papers of Tuesday, that the committee of arrangements refused to accede to the wishes of the Musician.