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SHASTA, Feb. 14, 1853.

Messrs. Editors: Since my return to town, I have been informed of a few recent events which are of general interest. About three weeks ago, a man named Harvey Burns, of Wisconsin, I believe, an overland emigrant of the past season, was killed on Cow Creek, twenty-five miles from this place, by the Indians in that neighborhood. It appears that he had been left alone in the house of Mr. Compton, who, with a number of other men, had gone hunting; when Mr. C. returned to the house, some Indians were seen going off, with blankets, etc.; in the house was found part of an arm and hand, and about forty rods distant from the house, the body of Mr. Burns, with fatal stabs in the back and breast. A detachment of troops was sent to demand the murderers, and succeeded in obtaining three Indians, who were taken to Fort Reading. The officers of that post then informed the civil authorities of this county of the facts in the case, at the same time stating that they (the military) thought they had no power themselves to try and punish the prisoners, and requesting the civil authorities to receive and dispose of them, which request has been virtually refused, and it is now believed that the prisoners will be again turned loose, which will necessarily be a license to the whole race from our troops to rob and murder with impunity. Who can foretell the deplorable results of such a proceeding? and what can the people do under such wretched rule?

On Sunday last a man by the name of Isaacs, who had been for a year past, a cook on Daingerfield's ranch, went hunting on the east side of the Sacramento river. The next day (Monday) his body was found by two hunters, nearly opposite the mouth of the Bottom wood, most horribly mangled--the head half gone, bowels torn out, and the whole person awfully disfigured. The next day (Tues-

day) the two hunters, with two other men, returned with a wagon for the body, when they found a large bear watching it. Mr. Webb shot the bear, when it attacked; surrounded, and got him down. Mr. Ross then ran to the rescue, when his rifle accidentally discharged, and the bear left W., and attacked Ross, knocked him down, and tore and mangled him very badly, before he could be rescued. Ross was severely, though not dangerously wounded; Webb's injuries were not so severe. The body was then left in possession of the bear, the party with difficulty succeeding in getting the two wounded men away. The next day, a large party of men went to the rescue of the body, when it was found deserted by Bruin.

The bears are very troublesome this season; the Indians are not so bad this winter as last, though I have heard of several robberies by them.

The snow upon the mountain is much less than I expected to find it, the lower ranges and hills being entirely bare, so that you Sacramentans may congratulate yourselves upon a lessened prospect of another flood.

Provisions are now abundant and cheap—flour, 20 cts. per lb., and falling, and the miners have done well when the weather would permit them to work. Business is reviving, and the prospects here are now good for all.

MINER.
