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Messrs. Editors: The weather for the last ten days has been as pleasant as June in the Atlantic States; our mountains and valleys show spring to be rapidly advancing. Business here is very brisk; large quantities of goods being packed to Weaver-ville, Yreka, and other northern mines. Flour is abundant in the market—20 cents per pound; all other goods at proportionate prices.

Miners are generally prosperous. Rich and extensive diggings have recently been struck in the neighborhood of Pitt river. In my opinion, that region lying between the Trinity on the west, Oregon on the north, the Sierra Nevada on the east, and Pitt river and the head waters of the Feather river on the south, will very shortly be found to be the best mining region in this State. It is an immense tract of country, embracing at least two degrees of latitude and three of longitude, and as yet has been prospected in but very few places; but wherever any effective work has been done, it has always paid, and in some instances, immensely. In some future article, I will give you some of the results which I know.

The Indians, the pests of the northern country, have thus far prevented a full development of our wealth, but the influx of miners which we shall have, will certainly drive them back.

Last night, about three miles from town, near Rock Creek, two mules were shot by the Indians; the arrows were found in them; and six were run off. One night last week, three mules and three head of cattle were stolen from the corrals in town. A large number of animals were also run off from some packers on Clear Creek. On Sunday night of

some packers on Clear Creek. On Sunday night of last week, a dairy of twenty three cows and about twenty-five mules and oxen, were run off by the Indians from the middle ferry, but they were all subsequently recovered, the loss being discovered before the Indians had got a mile away. All these depredations have a very bad effect upon our business, for I have not told you one half of the robberies I am daily hearing. The fact is, we are the most exposed, suffer more, and are worse protected than any other section of the United States, or any portion of this State, and no prospect of any improvement except from the efforts of the citizens. So common are these Indian murders and robberies, that I feel reluctant to report one-half, for fear it may be thought that I exaggerate.

Do you think it would be right for us to ask or expect any protection from those who are sent here and paid for that express purpose ?

MINER.