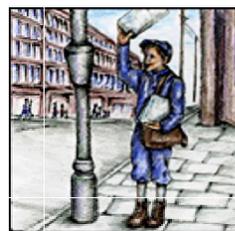




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Sacramento Daily Union, Volume 5, Number 631, 30 March 1853 — Another Indian Mnnlor—Death of
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**Another Indian Murder—Death of Lieut.
Russell.**

We are indebted to the gentlemanly editors
of the *Shasta Courier* for the following excit-
ing information, furnished this office in manu-
script at an early hour this morning, through
Rhodes & Lusk's Express :

SHASTA COURIER OFFICE, }
Saturday evening, March 26th, 1853. }

Gentlemen :—It is with feelings of intense sorrow
that I announce the horrible death of Edw. Rus-
sell, First Lieutenant of the Fourth Infantry. He
was murdered yesterday, on the head waters of
'Thom's Creek, by a band of Indians belonging to a
tribe inhabiting that portion of the Coast Range
forming the western boundary of Colusa county.

You will doubtless have learned by this morning's
Courier that Lieut. Russell was ordered to that por-
tion of Colusa county by Col. Wright a few days
since, in consequence of the numerous depredations
committed by the Indians of that section upon the
Colusa ranch-men. It was in the performance of
this service that Lieut. R. lost his life.

It appears, according to present information, that
Lieut. Russell had met and captured some eight or
ten Indians on his way to a rancheria in the moun-
tains, whom he at once disarmed, placing their bows
and arrows in the hands of his interpreter, an Indian
boy. He then continued his course in the direction
of the rancheria. In a short time he, together with
his guide, interpreter, and the prisoners, being some
distance in advance of his men, got still farther sep-
arated from them in consequence of each party tak-
ing a different direction around a hill. It was while
going around this hill that the Indians, snatching
their arms from the boy, fell upon Lieut. R. At
the time of the attack the guide, an old mountain
man, was about one hundred yards behind the party,
but before he could reach the ground the Indians
had unhorsed the unfortunate Russell and beaten his
brains out with clubs. Lieut. R. shot one of the

drains out with clubs. Lieut. R. shot one of the Indians dead, and wounded a second, and the guide killed some two or three more. The remainder made their escape. Lieut. R. had seven arrows shot into his body.

Thus has as brave and chivalrous a soldier as our army can boast—full of high hopes and noble aspirations—and while defending his countrymen against the incursions of the ruthless savages—been suddenly cut down, in the very midst of his youthful career. It was but a few days since that he called in our office, with the flush of health upon his cheek—full of life and spirits—and confident of being able, in a short time, in connection with the efforts of his brother officers, to rid our people of the further depredations of the savages.

Lieut. Russell is widely known in this State, and his lamentable death will be regretted by a large number of acquaintances and friends. Of course, the sad event has still further exasperated the citizens of this section. The corpse of Lieut. R. was taken to Fort Reading to-day.

Respectfully, yours, S. H. Dosh.

THE RISE ABOVE.—The steamer Gov. Dana, which started for Marysville on Tuesday morning, got as far as Hock Farm, when, being veered round by a heavy gale of wind, she found it impossible to head her bow up stream again, and returned to Sacramento. She reports the water higher in Feather and Yuba rivers than it has been this season before.

FROM COLUSA.—THE FLOOD.—The steamer Gazelle came down from Colasa on Tuesday evening, and reports the water very high in the Sacramento in that neighborhood. A heavy flood was on the way down, which she passed, and which may be expected to arrive—if it has not already arrived—some time to-day.

To the Whig Nominating Convention—GENTLEMEN: I have this day received official notice that my name has been put in nomination for the office of Mayor of Sacramento City. I fully appreciate the honor and am grateful for the confidence reposed, but must decline the nomination.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant.

Your obedient servant,
VOLNEY SPALDING.

Sacramento City. March 29th. 1853.

Messrs. Editors:—As appears by the published proceedings of the Whig Nominating Convention, I have been honored with a nomination for the office of Councilman for the Second Ward. This has been done contrary to my expressed wishes, and I feel myself compelled to decline the nomination, as my contemplated absence the coming summer would render it impossible for me to discharge the duties of that office, if elected. Respectfully yours, &c.

WILLIAM WESTON.

Sacramento, March 29, 1853.