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SACRAMENTO NEWS.

TERRIBLE RETRIBUTION! ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT INDIANS SLAUGHTERED!!

The *Shasta Courier* of Saturday last, contains a correspondence from Weaverville, Trinity Co., which recounts the particulars of a fearful act of retributive slaughter recently committed in that district. A rancheria of 148 Indians, including women and children, was attacked, and nearly the whole number destroyed.

It appears that the Indians of that vicinity have for many months displayed uncompromising hostility towards the whites, and several murders and robberies have been daringly perpetrated. About the 15th ultimo, a Mr. Anderson, who was much esteemed in the vicinity of Weaverville, was missed, and a search being made his mutilated remains were found about six miles from that place, where he had been attacked by Indians, his cattle driven off, and himself cruelly murdered and rebbed. A party of thirty-six armed men, under Sheriff Dixon pursued the murderers, and came up with them on the South Fork of the Trinity.

The scene that followed is thus described—

* On Thursday afternoon, the 22d, the scouts discovered the rancheria in a small valley at the base of three mountains on the south side of the South Fork of Trinity River. At midnight the company started from their encampment, Captain Dixon having divided his force into three parties, so as to come upon the Indians from different quarters and surround them. When the day broke, all parties were in the desired positions, and on the signal being given the attack commenced. Each rifle marked its victim with unerring precision—the pistol and

the knife completed the work of destruction and revenge, and in a few brief moments all was over. Of the one hundred and fifty Indians that constituted the rancharia only two or three escaped, and those were supposed to be dangerously wounded; so that probably not one of those engaged in the murder of the unfortunate Anderson now remains alive. Men, women and children all shared the same fate—none were spared except one woman and two children, who were brought back prisoners.

In palliation of the slaughter of the women and children it is stated that the Indians thrust them forward as a screen for themselves, and behind their persons, as from a barricade, kept up a fire upon their assailants.

The party reached Weaverville in safety a few days after the massacre.

By the Sacramento papers of yesterday we are informed that the rumor of the murder of Donaldson's Serenaders is unfounded.

THE WEATHER.—During the past week, up to Thursday, we have been visited with almost constant rains. This is unusual at this place at this season of the year. The atmosphere is now clear and pleasant. The miners are taking advantage of an abundance of water in gulches usually dry, and are obtaining a handsome yield of gold.—*Shasta Courier*.

John Raegan, an Irishman, from Boston, Mass., was drowned at State Range, on the 28th ult., in attempting to cross the river on a log. His body was found the next morning and buried. He leaves a wife and three children. A purse of \$200 was made up for them, which will be duly forwarded.

Marcus Wilcox, of Westville, Ohio, was drowned at the same place on the 16th of March last.—*Express*.

MINING NEWS.—From a gentleman from Oneida Bar we learn that a new reservoir has been constructed at Sand Flat, and that the diggings there are turning out uncommonly rich. Some four hundred people have settled there, and all are doing well. Miners are rapidly coming in, and preparations are making for the summer campaign. In short, the intelligence from every point on the Yuba is of the most favorable character. Improvements are being made on a much more extensive scale than at any previous period.—*ib.*

MURDER AND LYNCHING.

White Oak Springs was the scene of a frightful tragedy on Thursday last. A man named James Hughlett commenced an unprovoked and abusive attack upon Mr. Albert Springer in the hotel of the

tack upon a Mr. Abner Spencer, in the hotel of the place, on Wednesday evening, which at length called up resentment on the part of Spencer, who collared his assailant and threw him down. While in this position, Hughlett drew a concealed knife, and so severely wounded Spencer in the arm and side that he died the next day. The murderer was arrested, the citizens assembled, and after a trial by jury, it was voted that he should be hung on the spot. He was accordingly taken to a tree near at hand and executed. Spencer was from Butler county, Ohio, and was by all his acquaintances esteemed and respected.

The miners on Dry Creek, at Auburn, and at Horse Shoe Bar, North Fork of the American river, have held meetings and adopted resolutions declaring their intentions not to permit South American and Asiatic laborers to come among them for the purpose of digging gold. The proceedings are published in the *Times and Transcript*.

Mr. John McCombe, of Gregory's Express, we are indebted for the following returns of the election for Mayor and Councilmen, held at Benicia May 3d :

Mayor.—1st Ward—Riddell, 89; Fraser, 83. 2d Ward—Fraser, 65; Riddell, 45. Fraser elected.

Council.—1st Ward—J. C. Gulick, (of Gregory's Express, 106; Wright, 100; Walsh, 100; Gray, 85; Robinson, 50; Bynam, 14; Scattering, 10. 2d Ward—J. W. Sanborn, 69; Dingley, 79; Peabody, 55; Stoughton, 49; Lee, 15; Scattering, 14.

The four candidates in each Ward polling the greatest number of votes were elected.

The adjournment of the Legislature appears to have given unqualified satisfaction to the editors of Sacramento.

THE IMMIGRATION.—The celebrated mountaineer, Jim Beckwith, has just arrived in town, across the Plains. He left Fort Leavenworth on the 3d of March. He estimates the number of persons who will cross the Plains this season at 75,000. A large proportion will take the route discovered by him, known as "Beckwith's Route," and will come in at Marysville. This route is said to be the best and nearest one from the other side of the mountains into the Sacramento Valley.

The above item is from the Marysville *Herald* of Tuesday. The *Express* of yesterday states that Mr.

Beckwith wintered on Feather River, and consequently can bring no news from Fort Leavenworth.

MYSTERIOUS AEFAIR.—Hunter & Co.'s Express furnishes the following paragraph:

MESSRS. EDITORS:—This morning a man was found suspended from the limb of a fallen tree about four miles from Coloma, on the city road. The Coroner empaneled a jury of six, and proceeded to the spot. Upon examination into the affair, a verdict was rendered that the man died "*felo de se.*" From a variety of circumstances, however, relative to his death, there are strong suspicions that he was killed, by hanging or otherwise, at some distance from the place where he was discovered, and brought thither by his executioners and strung up near the road where he would be seen by passers by. He was in Coloma on Sunday, and purchased several articles that were found on his person and recognized. The only clue to his name is a receipt found in his pocket for passage from St. Louis to Galena on the steamer Dr. Franklin, filled out for Jno. Ogle. He was hung by a piece of new rope, corresponding in size and length to a piece bought at one of our stores yesterday. The whole affair is wrapped in mystery.

Coloma, May 3, 1852.

Respectfully,

HUNTER & Co.

DROWNED.—We learn from Hunter & Co.'s Express that on the 2d inst. a young man named Charles J. Hotchkiss, from New Haven, Conn., in crossing the American River at Condemned Bar, on a foot bridge, fell into the water and was drowned. The body had not been recovered.

ARRESTED.—Mr. Barnes the person who attacked Mr. Winans with a cow-hide, an evening or two since in Sacramento, discharging several shots from a Colt's revolver at him, was arrested in that city on Saturday, and held to bail to appear at a higher court in answer to the charge of assault with intent to kill.