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## The Indian Difficulties.

*Messrs. Editors* :—Although much has been said and written on the subject of the recent Indian difficulties, yet, being somewhat intimately acquainted with the details of the matter, I, with your permission, would furnish my quota to the stock of general information :

On Tuesday morning last, Mr. Henry Caulfield, of American Township, having previously diverted his leisure moments in ploughing up an Indian burial ground, conceiving himself and the law aggrieved at the resistance interposed by the Indians, demanded a warrant of arrest for certain persons whose names were unknown. His honor to whom the application was made, being rather at a loss whom he should order arrested, concluded to have up those old offenders, John Doe and Richard Roe, persuaded doubtless that, from the general character of the men, they must know something about the offence charged.

Two Indians answering to those names appeared in custody before Justice Winchell, charged, upon the oath of Caulfield, with the offence of unlawfully assembling. His honor declined to examine into the offence under the warrant, and dismissed the prisoners. But Mr. C., resolved justice should be done, with a modification of his oath, procured a warrant for the arrest of these and other parties, charging them with an assault with intent to kill, and forthwith duplicate John Does and Richard Roes—four in number—were brought up to answer for their murders. The evidence for the prosecution having closed, his honor, Judge Winchell, dismissed the charge, not calling on the defence to rebut. So the case stands. Caulfield has ploughed up the burial ground, driven off the Indians and dragged some of them before a Court to answer charges the very nature of which they cannot comprehend. I know not what others may think of this—I think it brutish and horrible. I may be wrong in my conclusions

and horrible. I may be wrong in my conclusions, but I think not. The spot has been owned and in the possession of the Indians for ages; their claim has been respected by the neighbors. It has been reserved till now for Mr. Caulfield—who, by his acts has incensed and outraged public opinion in his neighborhood—to add a crowning glory, and, for the sake of a few acres of land, ruthlessly to violate the resting places of the dead and, jackall-like, riot amid the relics of the tomb. \* \*

THE “FOUNTAIN HEAD”—In the *Times and Transcript* of Wednesday, we find a card over the signature of M. L. Winn, of the extensive confectionary establishment, San Francisco, extending his thanks to the editorial corps of California generally, and to the *Evening Journal*, *San Francisco Whig*, *Placer Times and Transcript*, *Pacific Banner*, *Golden Era*, *Pacific*, *Sacramento Union*, *Stockton Journal*, and *Marysville Herald* in particular, for the many flattering notices which have appeared in these papers, relating to his establishment. He says :

“With many of you I have never had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance, and perhaps never may have; yet be assured that your memory shall have a place among the most cherished objects of my attachments during my natural life, and that my patronage, to a very liberal extent, shall never be lacking to secure the complete success of your several papers”

Here is a gentleman who truly understands the world, and how to insure success in business. He advertises in a majority of the papers of the State. Because he is capable of redeeming his business pledges, and because he advertises, his business has grown so extensive as to require several large and splendidly built edifices to accommodate his thousands of patrons. His motto is “live and let live,” which was never yet known to fail.

THE PARTY.—A correspondent of the *San*

Joaquin *Republican* goes the whole hog for party. He wants the extension question made one of party. But he says nothing about the people, evidently thinking in his anxiety for party—that *the party* includes “all the world and the rest of mankind.” Hear him :

“Let us take our ground as a great political *party* in this State, pursue a line of policy as a *party*, and become answerable as a *party* for our acts. Let us select men who will carry out the measures of the *party*, and who will stand or fall with the *party*. This is the proper responsibility of power, and unless we are willing to take this burthen upon our shoulders, and carry it boldly before the people, we are unworthy of power.”

**THE STAMP ACT**—The Benicia correspondent of the *Pacific Banner*, writes of the legal notice law as follows :

“The ‘legal notice’ or *stamp act law* is receiving the condemnation of the people, and it must and will be repealed ere long ; *it is not democracy*, it is contemptible proscription. No more at present from the *stamp act legislature*—a name that will live in history.”

If the legislature does not pass the substitute now before it, or something like it in principle, the name of *stamp act legislature* will be so richly merited, that it ought to live in history.

**ARREST.**—Capt. McClory, of the Sacramento police, informs us that police officer Cusick, of San Francisco, who followed Edward Cloy to Marysville, succeeded in arresting him at that place, and brought him down to this city on Thursday morning.

Cloy had robbed a lady named Thomas, at the Rasette House, on the night of the recent fire, of \$1,500. Officer Cusick was put upon his track by the police of Sacramento, and the result has been to secure him, as above stated.

STABBING AT MARYSVILLE.—Officer Cusick, of San Francisco, who arrived in Sacramento on Thursday morning, from Marysville, reports that just previous to his leaving, a difficulty had occurred between two Spaniards at a dance house, in which one drew a knife upon the other and stabbed him to the heart. The murderer succeeded in escaping.

For this intelligence, we are indebted to Capt. McClory, of the police department.

WE ARE under obligations to Adams & Co. for the delivery of the San Joaquin *Republican*, Marysville *Herald*, *Mountain Echo*, and other interior papers.

ERRATUM.—“Spar”—“old Spar”—referring to Mr. Spear, the actor, was no attempted witticism of the author, but a blunder of the compositor. After this explanation, it is presumed the announcement is robbed of its offensiveness.