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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 Weaversville, 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 robbed. 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 rancheria only two or three escaped, and those were sup-

posed 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 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*.

To 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 AFFAIR.—Hunter & Co.'s Express fur-

nishes 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. Respectfully,

Coloma, May 3, 1852.

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 kil.

Adams & Co. laid the Sacramento papers upon our table at an early hour last night. Below are the only items of interest we can glean from them.

IMPORTANT ARREST.—Marshal McDowell, yesterday arrested a man with fifty-five pounds of bogus gold dust in his possession, which had been manufactured in New York and sent out here for disposal. It is to be hoped, that if guilty, the scoundrel will meet certain and speedy punishment.—*Journal.*

ANOTHER NEW ROUTE.—The *Express* is requested to suggest to the merchants of Marysville, that a good wagon road could be constructed from that point to Truckee river, via Buck's Ranch, at an expense not exceeding \$1,500, and fifteen men with suitable tools would be able to perform the work. The distance to Buck's Ranch is seventy miles, in the neighborhood of which there are a number of rick bars, and the entire distance to Truckee river is one hundred and eighty miles. Such a work

river is one hundred and eighty miles. Such a work would ensure all the travel of that route to Marysville. This may be another Jim Beckwith story, and fall about as far short of Truckee river as Jim did of Fort Leavenworth. Marysville editors are good at blowing.—*Ib.*

We perceive by a brief notice in the columns of the *Daily Union*, that J. F. MORSE, Esq., who has conducted that Whig journal with marked ability for some time past, has retired from the editorial chair. He is succeeded by our esteemed friend, A. C. RUSSELL, Esq., formerly of the *Evening Picayune* of this city.

In the *Union* we find the annexed account of a deplorable affair which occurred near that city on the 7th inst.

ANOTHER DUEL—ONE OF THE PARTIES WOUNDED.—
We regret extremely to have to announce a hostile meeting which took place Friday afternoon in Yolo county, opposite this city, between H. A. DeCourcy, Esq., Editor of the *Calaveras Chronicle*, and Mr. W. H. Carter. The parties fought with pistols at twenty paces, and at the first fire Mr. DeCourcy received the shot of his adversary in the right side of the abdomen, just below the point of the lower rib, the ball passing out on the opposite side. The wound is a dangerous one, but we trust it is not mortal.

We understand that this unfortunate affair originated in a difficulty between the parties on board of one of the steamers on Thursday night coming up the river, in the course of which Mr. Carter struck Mr. De Courcy a blow on the face. The latter was the challenging party. Efforts were made by mutual friends to settle the affair without a meeting, but without effect.

Since the above was in type, we have seen Mr. De Courcy, at two o'clock this morning, when he was comparatively free from pain, and the attending surgeon expressed the belief that he would recover; though, at present, he cannot determine the exact extent of the wound.

Mr. John McCombe, of Gregory's Express, informs us that at two o'clock, on Saturday afternoon Mr. De Courcy was no worse, and that strong hopes were entertained of his ultimate recovery.

By the same gentleman we learn that the *Wilson G. Hunt* passed the steamer *Hartford*, aground, eight miles below Cache Creek. The wind blowing high, prevented the *Hunt* from towing her off; and until the gale abates, there is little probability of her getting off. He reports passing the *Confidence* last evening at

7 o'clock, twenty miles above Benicia, the wind blowing high at the time. This is her first trip up since she has undergone repairs.

INFANTICIDE.—The body of a female child, apparently about a week old, was found, yesterday, in a well on the corner of K and Seventh streets. It had been in the water for some considerable length of time. We believe this is the only instance of infanticide in the city of Sacramento which has become a matter of record.—*Union*.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.—A large concourse of persons assembled at the Brighton Race Course, yesterday, to witness the great contest between Pacific and Jim Crow. The latter, having gained the last race, was decidedly the favorite, but the backers of Pacific were sanguine, and bet freely. The distance, mile heats. Pacific came in three lengths ahead, winning the purse of \$600. Time, 1:58.—*Ib.*

The first concert of Signora Biscaccianti was given in Sacramento on the evening of the 6th inst. The *Times and Transcript* remarks—

“Signora Biscaccianti’s first soiree was not attended by such an audience as, under more favorable circumstances, would have been present to welcome so renowned a singer. The pews of a church afford but little inducement for the fashionable display of a full dress concert, and do not readily suggest the arrangement of prices which best suits the taste of a diversified attendance.—We are denied space for the lavish indulgence of that commendation which is properly called forth from the lovers of song, on occasions like that of last evening, and must reserve our praises of the exquisite Prima Donna, her loveliness and her genius. She met an enthusiastic reception, and was applauded to the echo, in scena, song and ballad.”

We clip the following items from the papers received:

Hon. J. W. Denver left for Benicia yesterday, intending to urge upon Gen. Hitchcock, commanding the Government troops stationed at that point, the necessity of some immediate measures of protection for the white population in the district of Klamath and Trinity, from which Mr. Denver is the representative in our State Senate.—*Times and Transcript*.

FROM CARSON VALLEY.—Col. Price arrived in this city on yesterday from Carson Valley. He reports the population of that beautiful valley at four thousand, engaged in agricultural and mining pursuits. The crops are forward, and every indication of plenty is given. Col. Price says that a good road for wagons can be easily made across the mountains. The inhabitants of the valley are preparing to furnish provisions and every necessary supply to the incoming immigration.—*State Journal*.

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An anti-Chinese meeting was held at Michigan Flat on Saturday evening last, which was very numerously attended. The miners resolved that the claims now held by the Chinese on the bar should be sold at public auction on Sunday next, and the proceeds refunded to them, after which they are to depart forthwith from the diggings.—*Union*.

A meeting, at which similar resolutions were adopted, was recently held at Little Fork, in Nevada county.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND ROBBERY.—On the evening of the 26th of April, a person by the name of George Lawrence, known as "Texas George," or "Mexican George," attempted to kill and rob a man on the North Fork of the American river. He is also suspected of being concerned in several thefts and robberies in that vicinity within the past few weeks. He made his escape.—*Marysville Herald*.

MINING ITEMS.—We clip the following from various journals printed in the mining districts:

The intelligence from the mines is still encouraging. At Brown's Valley the feeling in quartz stock continues excellent, and the Plymouth Mill Company are hurrying in their extra stampers. At Long Bar the miners are generally doing well. Sluicing has been tried at this place and found to operate well. The Big Bar Company are getting along finely with their race.

At Parks' and above, nothing but the high stage of the water prevents the river mining being prosecuted with the greatest energy, but the difficulty will now soon be removed. There can be no doubt but that an immense amount of gold will be taken out of the bed of Yuba and Feather rivers this season.—*California Express*.

A company of seven miners, who have been at work within fifty yards of our office for six weeks, have averaged eight dollars per day to the hand during all that time. They have plenty of ground left to keep them employed for three months to come.—*El Dorado News*.

GOOD YIELD.—Mr. Tallmadge and his two partners, who are at work on a plain in this place, near Thomas & Young's store, took out \$256 during Wednesday and Thursday. For the month ending on the 6th inst., they have taken out of this claim seventeen hundred dollars.—*Ib.*

MINING AT COLOMA.—The Coloma Bar Company are making extensive arrangements for mining this summer. A meeting was held last Saturday, and a joint stock company formed. They have taken up the ground from the falls to the Sutter Saw Mill; and in a few weeks the river will be drained for the distance of a mile. We wish the company all success for their perseverance. Last summer they expended thousands of dollars, and were unable to get into the stream in consequence of their machinery

being inadequate to pump out the deep holes. This season, we hope they will guard against this important item.—*Ib.*

NEW ROAD.—A county road is being opened from Coloma to Georgetown, via Kelsey's. Nearly all the travel will go in that direction as soon as Messrs. Rowen & Pearis complete their splendid bridge across the South Fork, which will be in the course of a few weeks.—*Ib.*

RED HILLS.—The canal which is to convey water from Coloma to the Red Hills, a distance of six miles, is nearly completed. The ditching is completed, and Messrs. Brooks, Clark & Co. will soon have their contract finished, when the water will be let into the work. This canal waters one of the richest placers in El Dorado county, and furnishes employment for a large number of our sturdy miners.—*Ib.*