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The Merced Indian Troubles.

Under the head of another Indian War, the San Joaquin *Republican* of Wednesday, publishes the following items of intelligence in relation to the late Indian disturbances on the head waters of the Merced :

“ A party of eight miners left Coarse Gold Gulch about the middle of May, on a prospecting tour to the Upper Sierra, near the head waters of the Merced. After traveling about 70 miles, they were suddenly surrounded and attacked by a large body of Indians belonging to the Yosemoty tribe, who killed two of their number, named Rose and Shurborn, and wounding one, Joseph Tudor.— The party then fled, as their arms and ammunition were out of order. After traveling five days without provisions, they arrived at Coarse Gold Gulch on the 2d inst., in an almost famished condition. A party of forty men immediately mustered and started out to chastise the Indians. They found the bodies of the two murdered men, and buried them, the Indians all the time taunting them with threats of defiance. After some manœuvering the Indians crossed the river, which being very high, the party did not wish to pursue them further, and returned.

It is feared that the Kings River Indians and the Kaweahs are in league with the wild tribes in the mountains ; if so, we may anticipate trouble.

Capt. Moore's Company of U. S. Infantry, stationed at Fort Miller, on the San Joaquin, is now *en route* for the scene of the murders. Major Savage will also accompany the command with a few select volunteers. It is their intention to establish a military post in Yosemoty Valley.

We are likely to have another Indian war, many of the Indians on the reserves have fled, and joined the wild tribes in the mountains. Of these, the Yosemotys are the most hostile and warlike ; they have always refused to treat with the Commissioners, although twice brought within a few miles of the camp on the Fresno—the place designated to form a treaty ; each time they stampeded and returned to their mountain fastnesses. They inhabit a beautiful and fertile valley in the upper Sierra Nevada, on the middle fork of the Merced, known as Yosemoty Valley. This valley is about sixty miles in length, with an average of three in breadth, the sur-

rounding peaks are covered with perpetual snow, and it is known that there is gold in the vicinity.

This last week the Indians connected with the reserves had a great feast at Major Savage's ranch; as many as two or three thousand were present. All the captains and sub-chiefs held a sort of congress, and elected two head chiefs to command and control all their affairs in future. Their choice fell upon Ptompkit and Pasquale. Ptompkit is a wild Indian, and has had for many years absolute command over the San Joaquin and Chowchilla tribes. Pasquale is a Mission Indian, and understands the customs and habits of civilized life.

During the night of their feast, the wild Indians crept into camp and stole most of their horses. Major Savage has some 200 Indians engaged in taking in his heavy crop of barley.

AN INCIDENT.—A correspondent of the *San Joaquin Republican*, writing from Davis' Ranch, Tuolumne River, June 2d, narrates a circumstance which happened under his observation, depicting in gloomy colors the sufferings of the sick in that region.

"Out yonder in that wagon, under the big oak lies a Mr. Inman, one of the worst cases of small pox; great interest is felt by his friends, but no one approaches him but his nurse, who is a kind-hearted Spaniard, whom he hires for \$100 to stay with him till he dies or gets well; the chances are ten to one against him. This awful scourge is as bad as bad can be in towns; in the country, sparsely settled as it is, it is much aggravated for the want of the conveniences enjoyed in towns generally, for you might reach death ere the doctor could reach you from town."