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**Indian Massacres in Rogue River Valley—
A War of Extermination Begun.**

The following despatch from the office of the Mountain Herald, Downieville, was received among our Sacramento exchanges by Adams & Co., last evening :

To Mr. J. Rogers, of Cram, Rogers & Co.'s Express, we are indebted for the following letter from our friend C. S. Drew, which we publish for the benefit of our readers :

On the evening of the 11th inst., Dr. William R. Rose and John R. Hardin, while on their way to Dr. Ambrose's, from Capt. Alden's encampment on Sewart's Creek, were wrylaid by the Indians, and the former instantly killed, and the latter dangerously if not mortally wounded. Dr. Rose was horribly mutilated, being found the next morning with his eyes dug out, and nose cut off. The Indians captured his rifle, revolver and clothing, together with six hundred dollars in cash. On the same day George Anderson was badly wounded on upper Applegate, in a skirmish with about thirty Indians. The Company were under command of Lt. B. V. Griffin. On the 12th, Lt. Griffin made an attack upon the Indians on lower Applegate, but was compelled to retreat, with the loss of one man, (Frank Garrett,) and himself shot in the leg. In the afternoon a reinforcement was sent from Capt. Alden's command, and, at two o'clock this morning, upon receipt of the news of Lt. Griffin's defeat, another detachment was sent, and at this present moment a portion of the Humbug volunteers are mounted, awaiting orders to march to the scene of battle.

The Indian chief John, on lower Applegate, says that he is backed by the Shasta tribe, and it is known that a large number of the Klamath's are also with him, together with a certain Dr. Osmond, professing to be a white man. He is known to have furnished the Indians with ammunition since hostilities have commenced.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to Col. Alden, and the Yreka volunteers under Capt. J. P. Goodall, and to the Humbug volunteers under Capt. Rhodes, for their promptness and perseverance in relieving us in this emergency.

We make the following extracts from a letter received by Mr. F. Rogers, from R. Dugan, Esq., dated Jacksonville, Aug. 13th :

" The is now over 300 men mustered into the service, under the command of Capt. Alden, of the U. S. A., who is appointed Colonel commanding, assisted by Col. John Ross. The Captains are J. K. Lamerick, Mr. Miller and Capt. Goodall from Yreka. Capt. S. Drew is Quartermaster. Commissioners on Military Affairs are Dr. Ed

master ; Commissioners on Military Affairs are, Dr. Ed. Shell, Geo. Dart, Mr. Davis and myself.

The Indians have burned down the houses of Mr. Patrick, Capt. Jones, and also that of Mr. Anderson, together with his hay and oats. Night before last they burned Mr. Griffin's house and some haystacks ; they also shot some of Mr. Griffin's fine American horses. Mr. Bruce had four of his mules shot. There is a great deal of stock killed and driven off

It is reported that Griffin was attacked by 150 Indians. It is believed that there is white men engaged with them. Griffin took two white men prisoners, and several more are suspected.

Citizens are arming in all directions to march against the Indians and scatter them or exterminate them wherever they can be found.

The Sacramento papers are mostly filled with political matters and details of the servass through the State. Mr. Waide had won much applause in Placer county, but was following up his success in Nevada.