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**FROM KLAMATH.**

**Business at Humboldt.— Fight with the Indians.**

The steamer *McKim*, or *Crescent City*, arrived yesterday from Crescent City. During a blow on Sunday, the *McKim* dragged her anchor and went ashore on a reef in the bay, where she lay two days. She was got off, however, without much damage.

The Purser reports that just before they left, two couriers had arrived from Smith's River, bringing intelligence of a desperate fight between a party of Indians and whites, in which seven Indians were killed. A company of volunteers immediately started out from Crescent City for the scene of conflict, which was about ten miles up the river.

The merchants at that port are driving a brisk business, and forward by this steamer nearly one hundred thousand dollars. She brought twenty passengers.

Mr. McCombe, of Leland & McCombe's Express, arrived yesterday morning in the schooner *Sierra Nevada*, from Humboldt, and informs the *Picayune* that he left the day following the accident to the *McKim* for Humboldt Bay, on foot with \$10,000 in gold dust on his back in company with Mr. J. L. Crowell, one of the agents of the steamer, intending to procure a vessel at the latter place, there being none at Crescent City, to bring him to San Francisco. He traveled on foot day and night for a distance of one hundred miles, over a rugged and difficult trail, crossing five streams on his journey, one of which he was compelled to swim. He arrived at Humboldt at 10 o'clock on Sunday, 15th inst., and took passage in the schooner *Sierra Nevada*, Capt. Woodley.

Mr. McCombe informs us that a courier arrived at Crescent City, from the mouth of Smith's river, eight miles from the former place, with information that an Indian had stolen a white man's clothes, and that the whites immediately formed a small party and attacked the Indians in that vicinity, and killed eight of them. The courier came in for the purpose of getting more men to go out and give the Indians a lesson that would serve them as an example for the future.

After Mr. McCombe's departure, the *McKim* succeeded in floating from her disagreeable position, and this morning she arrived at this port without having sustained any damage.

The miners at the Gold Beach, or Port Orford diggings, have been compelled to suspend operations in consequence of the prevalence of extraordinary high tides. We learn that a new machine for separating gold from sand has lately arrived at Gold Bluffs, and that it will be in operation in a short time. Great results are anticipated.

Numerous farms are being located about Crescent City and agricultural prospects for the approaching season are promising.

Business despatch of sending letters

Persons desirous of sending letters, papers, or packages to Crescent City, or to that region of the country, can do so by leaving them at Leland & McCombe's office, Post Office building, Kearny street.