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An Indian shot—The man who shot him rescued from the hands of the officers.

DAYLOR'S RANCH, Sacramento, Feb. 21st.

Messrs. Editors: An affair occurred a short distance above here yesterday, which for a time created quite an excitement. During the afternoon a white man named Ayres, had some altercation with an Indian, who had lived in this neighborhood all his life. The quarrel took place at Michigan bar, a few miles above here. The man then went about a mile and a half to his tent, and got a gun; he returned, after three or four hours absence, met the Indian, unarmed, and shot him dead. He was at once arrested, and the next day examined before Harvey Alvord and Larkin Lamb, Esqs., magistrates. After an investigation, which lasted nearly all day, he was ordered to procure bonds in the sum of \$2000 for his appearance before the District Court. Several gentlemen came forward and offered to be his bail.

At an early hour in the day many of the miners declared he should not be taken from the bar to be tried. When the magistrates gave their decision, a rush was made upon the constable, and the prisoner forcibly rescued, after which he made good his escape.

Is it to be wondered at that large sums of money have to be expended for Indian warfare, when such occurrences take place? Had an Indian killed a white man under the circumstances, what a howl would have been sent up for the blood of the Indian and that of all his tribe. Is not this a matter which calls for the interference of the District Attorney, and should not the Indians see that the justice of the white man is even-handed? When a white man is killed by an Indian, the offence is generally expiated by the extermination of a whole tribe. Any one who knows the Indian character is aware that they carry out as far as lies in their power, the law of "blood for blood." Some poor miner in a lonely canon may be killed for this, his body concealed and he never more be heard of. For the security of the

no never more be heard of. For the security of the mining population, it is proper that some notice should be taken of such an occurrence as the above, and even-handed justice meted out. The Indian can never feel security under the law of the white man until some such retribution is made.

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