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FURTHER INDIAN DIFFICULTIES.--We are informed by the *Mountain Herald* that on Saturday, the 20th ult, two Indian boys of the Shasta tribe brought two scalps into Yreka and represented them as those of Topsy and his son, whom they said came to the cave on the evening previous with the horses which were stolen a short time before, and some of the plunder taken on the Siskiyou mountains when Mr. Gates was killed.

It is very much doubted by many as to the scalps being those of Topsy and his son, but it is certain that they were a part of the party who committed the depredations on the Siskiyou mountains, as they were tracked to the spot and the horses found, by the United States troops and the De Chute Indians. This transaction, and the promise of Shasta Bill to give up the Indian who committed the depredation on the river, dissuaded Lieut. Bonneau from pitching into the Shastas; and he returned to Fort Jones, with the understanding that the culprit was to be delivered to him at that place.

On Tuesday night, Capt. Goodall, Mr. Wm. S. Mendenhall and Mr. Coffin, went to the Cave for the purpose of bringing the Shastas in. On Wednesday afternoon, near the ferry on the Klamath, the Shastas were attacked by a party of whites from Cottonwood and the De Chute Indians, in which skirmish Shasta Bill and two other Indians, and one white man by the name of Garry, were killed. The De Chute Indians are said to have taken the plunder of the Shastas, some squaws and children, and fled for their country. If this is the case, they are a *brave* (?) set of warriors—and their war dance more hideous than their war.

The remainder of the Shastas are said to be without provisions or camp equipage of any kind, and have taken the war path against the whites.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT
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DIFFICULTY.—From the *Chronicle* we extract the following particulars of the greatly to be regretted difficulty in the Fire Department of San Francisco :

“ During the raging of the fire yesterday morning, Mr. Duane, the chief engineer of the Fire Department, ordered the pipe of Howard engine to be taken into a burning building. The fireman holding the pipe declined doing so, saying that it was impossible, on account of the excessive heat. Mr. Duane said that he would take the stream, but the man refused, and there, for the time being, the matter ended.— After the fire was quenched, Mr. Duane went to the Howard’s house, in Merchant street, and had the engine conveyed to the corporation yard ; but subsequently, upon the request of Mr. Patten, foreman of the company, the engine was taken back to the house, with the understanding that it was not to be used by the company until the difficulty had been adjusted. Some little time afterwards, an alarm of fire was raised, and the engine was among the first in the street. Mr. Duane then made an attempt to have the Howard conveyed a second time to the corporation yard, but the members of the company declined giving it up. The chief engineer called the police to his aid, and endeavored to take the machine by force. The Howards resisted, and sent for the Mayor. Mr. Garrison told the company to keep possession of their engine, whereupon the police quietly left the premises.

The affair created considerable excitement, particularly among the firemen. The Chief Engineer is censured for not giving his orders through the officers of the company. It is a very delicate matter to touch upon firemen’s difficulties, but we believe the foregoing statement is strictly correct. It is certainly impartial.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT—FIVE MEN DROWNED.—The *Mountain Herald*, of the 27th ult., gives the subjoined account of a stage accident attended with loss of life:

“On account of the late heavy rains below this place, on the east side of the Sacramento river, the small streams have become very much swollen. On the morning of the 14th ult. about half-past three o’clock, as the coach of the California stage company was attempting to cross Pine creek, about fourteen miles from Tehama, on the east side of the Sacramento river, it was upset and five men drowned—three Frenchmen and two Irishmen, on their way to Yreka for the purpose of locating in your mining district.

district.

The loss of the company is supposed to be about \$2,800. Their whole team was drowned, being one of their very best, together with loss of valuable baggage."

NATURAL HISTORY—The field of natural history seems to be unusually extensive in California, and particularly in this vicinity. We recently chronicled among our curiosities the appearance of a quadruped chicken. Mr. J. L. Polhemus, the owner of former, showed us yesterday another variety of that fowl with three legs and five toes to each foot. The extra member was without articulations, and sprung the spine immediately over the left. It had crowded the contiguous leg considerably below its mate, and produced a marked curvature of the spine. We have rarely seen a more interesting natural specimen. Mr. Polhemus is devoting considerable attention to these curiosities, and is fast accumulating a respectable collection. Would it not be well to organize a Lyceum of Natural History in this city, and erect a suitable depot for the reception and preservation of the rare and interesting natural products of our locality.

RECORDER'S COURT.—Recorder Curtis has completely demolished the fabric of crime in our city. The aggregate of the business transacted for several days past has been hardly sufficient to itemize. Two men were examined before the Court yesterday, on the charge of having burglariously entered the "Branch of the Indian Queen," on I street. After having patiently awaited the rendition of the testimony, and its commitment to writing, he directed their discharge.

MR. MURDOCH.—The admirers of this eminent tragedian in Nevada were so well pleased with his first "Readings," that they have tendered him a benefit, which is to come off to-night. Mr. Murdoch replies that it will afford him much pleasure to pass another evening with Shakspeare and the admirers of elocution.

LITERARY BUDGET.—The Kirk Brothers laid upon our table at an early hour after the arrival of the mails a generous supply of late valuable foreign and domestic periodicals, for

valuable foreign and domestic periodicals, for which they will receive our cordial thanks.

UNSEASONABLE.—The Nevada *Journal* says that the weather during the past week has been very cold for the season. At night the thermometer has been down to about 45 or 50, and seldom above 78 in the warmest part of the day.

ROBBED.—The flour store of Messrs. King & Barrol, in San Francisco, was burglariously entered on Wednesday night, and the safe robbed of \$100.

SCARCITY OF PAPER.—The last number of the *Mountain Herald*, published at Yreka, comes to us printed on dingy brown paper.

REPAIRED.—The Plumas and Bear River bridges, on the road to Sacramento, are repaired and in excellent condition. So says the *Herald*.

PUC. DOC.—We are greatly indebted to Hon. M. S. Latham for valuable congressional and miscellaneous documents forwarded by the last steamers.

ILL.—Madam Biscaccianti has been very seriously ill at Valparaiso, but at last accounts was convalescing.

THE MONPLAISIR TROUPE.—On Sunday evening this renowned company appear at the Metropolitan Theater, San Francisco.

COMPLIMENTARY.—Mr. W. H. Brown, Stage Manager of the Stockton theater, receives at the hands of the citizens of Stockton a benefit this (Saturday) evening.

OUT.—There were no New York *Heralds* to be purchased in town yesterday at any price. One dollar for a single copy was repeatedly offered, but no sellers.

COMPLAINTS.—The police are complaining of the dearth of business in their department.