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Our files by the Columbia are to the 22d inst.

THE MURDERERS OF A. FRENCH.—We informed our readers through the last number of the Crescent City Herald, that a Deputy Constable with a company of seven men was sent in pursuit of the Indians, Black Mow, Jim and Narpa.

Arrived at the mouth of the Klamath river the company apprised the Indians there of their errand, and left them to choose between having their rancheria destroyed and themselves driven away, or helping them to catch the criminals. The Indians chose the latter. A number of them, accompanied by three of the whites, started up the Klamath river in a large canoe for a distance of six miles, when at a short turn of the river they fell in with a canoe coming down stream containing the three culprits, besides some other Indians. The two canoes were soon fastened together and the murderers secured without any difficulty.

They were brought to town on Friday the 17th, and on the day following, the 18th inst., pursuant to public notice, the citizens of Crescent City assembled en masse at the El Dorado saloon, and organized by calling E. Mason, Esq., to the Chair, and appointing S. J. Whipple, Secretary. The chairman stated the object of the meeting to be the trial of the three Indians now in custody, known as Black Mow, his son Jim, Klamath-Indians, and a Chetcoe Indian, called Narpa, accused of the murder of A. French, on the 2d day of the present month.

A jury was then empaneled, who, after an absence of an hour, returned with a verdict of guilty, and sentenced the prisoners to be hung on the 20th, at 12 M.

On Monday at 12 o'clock, M., Black Mow, Jim and Narpa were taken from the jail and hung near the Battery Point, many Indians being spectators of the scene.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.—Approximative estimate of arable land in these sections of Northern California and Southern Oregon directly connected with the proposed wagon road:

Crescent City Plains.....	20	sqr. miles.
Illinois Valley.....	55	“ “
Rogue River Valley.....	600	“ “
Scott's Valley.....	100	“ “
Shasta (Yreka) Plains.....	80	“ “

Total.....855 sqr. miles, or 547,200 acres, or 3,520 quarter sections, amply sufficient for an agricultural population of 18,000 souls, giving every family of five persons 160 acres.

This estimate falls probably far short of the real amount of land that will be put under cultivation even during the next ten years.

The editor of the Herald urges upon San Francisco capitalists the prospective advantages which will accrue to them by investing in the Crescent City and Yreka wagon road stock. The estimates of the Chief Engineer makes the total cost of the road \$82,618 80, the amount revenue \$75,000, nett revenue \$50,000.

SUICIDE.—A Frenchman a few weeks ago stopped at the Eagle Mills, O. T., and by some mis-step fell down a flight of stairs, but did not appear to be seriously hurt. He felt sick, however, obtained medicine and the necessary attention. On the third day he was found dead in his bed, having blown out his brains by means of a gun loaded with ball and buckshot. \$54 in coin, and some specimens, were found upon him. We did not learn the name of the unfortunate man.

The Grand Jury of the Circuit Court, held at Jacksonville, Oregon, found no less than thirty true bills against different persons for selling liquor on Sunday.

GAME.—There was any quantity of game in the market during the past two weeks. Geese were freely sold at \$1 and ducks at 50 cents a pair.