

THE NEW DIGGINGS IN THE RED WOOD RIDGE.—SIX MILES FROM CRESCENT CITY.—With the exception of a general confirmation of the existence of gold throughout the ridge, we have been able to gather but few particulars since our last issue. The color is found in all the numerous canons and gulches furrowing the hill sides to the east and west, even to the top of the ridge which is several miles in length. Some twenty-four men are at work on the creek where gold was first discovered and make from fifteen to twenty dollars per day to the hand; it is in the midst of the tallest kind of redwood, where the sun has but a slender chance of penetrating, and, as may be supposed, the ground is much encumbered with logs, brush wood and rubbish. Several other creeks have been, or are now being prospected, and rumors of new strikes reach us daily.

It is we believe somewhat uncommon, that diggings are found in the midst of forests and rich bottoms. We are informed that the water courses discover every where quartz rock, and it is supposed that a rich quartz lead runs through the entire length of the ridge, through which the creeks and gulches break at right angles. The obstructions just mentioned, will be the more readily overcome, as the diggings are close at hand, and will constantly attract prospectors.

Some of the Indians in the Smith river valley have been stealing, and otherwise causing the whites trouble.

ALTHOUSE.—John Augustus Heffner, in the employ of Messrs. Randall & Co., of Democratic Gulch, in digging a race, was sadly mutilated by the falling of a rock, weighing about two tons, across the lower part of his body. The company used their utmost endeavors to rescue him from his situation. He was nearly dead when they extricated him, and expired in about two hours. He was from Saxony and has a brother living in Granville, Ill.