

THE HUMBOLDT TIMES.

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CAPT. D. H. SNYDER.—In the letter of Mr. Wiley a charge is made against this gentleman, and Indians given as the authors therefor, which we would not allow a place in our columns was it not for the opportunity to contradict the inference drawn, that Capt. Snyder is with the Indians and against peace. At the commencement of the Indian difficulties, parties on the Klameth sent runners over to Hoopa Valley to endeavor to entice the Indians of that valley away; they consulted with the citizens of Hoopa, who told them to stop where they were; that if they got mixed up in the difficulties on the Klamath they would all get killed, and advised them, even forbid them, to leave the valley. The citizens were justified in their course, as inflammatory speeches had been made by parties on the Klameth, who threatened to march into Hoopa Valley and massacre the unoffending Indians there; troops even started for the purpose, and if they had not abandoned it the consequences would have been deplorable, for the inhabitants were determined to protect the Indians there *at all hazards*.

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The society is as good as any in the State, many families having settled there within the past year and more about removing there. All brought about by or through one man. He has also, at an immense outlay, opened trails from this place, via Hoopa, to Salmon River. Would that this and Klameth county could boast of a few hundred such men.