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**FROM CRESCENT CITY.**

By the *Columbia* we are in receipt of the Crescent City *Herald* to Jan. 10, from which we learn that there had been an encounter between the Klamath Rangers and the Indians.

**THE INDIANS.**—In the account we gave in our last number of the encounter with the Indians, we had mentioned only the "Klamath" Rangers; whereas, as we have since been informed, the *two* companies of "Coast" and "Klamath" Rangers took jointly part in the affair.

"If you wish to amuse a crowd, tell them Irish and Dutch stories; but if you want to set them by the ears, take up an argument on Negro or Indian topics!" Some will be found overflowing with the milk of human kindness, while in others it is all curdle. There are generally good reasons for both sides.

Amongst the conflicting opinions and statements, it is difficult to arrive at just conclusions as to the merits of the late Indian affair. The danger to the settlers in Smith river valley was, however, real and sufficiently evidenced by the data enumerated in our last number. We understand that a treaty has now been made with the few Indians in Smith river valley, and another treaty is about being negotiated with those at the Lagoon, by which they will be required to deliver up what firearms and ammunition they may possess.

We notice with great reluctance a rumor that some individuals threatened to kill or hunt down Indians even within the limits of the city, and that in one instance an Indian scalp was publicly exhibited as a trophy. We could hardly believe that white men could thus far forget themselves and outrage public decency in this savage manner. We are confident that the officers of the "Coast" and "Klamath" Rangers discountenance such cruelties, and will use every effort to prevent their occurrence. It is a duty for which the public will hold them justly responsible.—*Herald*, 10th inst.