

MURDER OF CAPT. BEST.—A correspondent of the *Yreka Herald* writes, April 16, as follows :

We were startled to-day by the arrival of an Indian from Orleans Bar, bringing a letter, by which we learn that Capt. Best was shot dead on Saturday, by John Chapman. They have been partners on this river for the past year, and had some difficulty in settling. Chapman started from here one day ahead of Best, and was overtaken at Orleans, where a difficulty occurred, when Best caught Chapman by the collar and slapped him in the face, Chapman drew his pistol and shot him dead. It is a lamentable occurrence, Capt. Best was the husband of Chapman's sister. Chapman is quite a youth, and has left a widowed sister and a niece near his own age, by this unfortunate affair.