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Exciting News—Indian War in Rogue River Valley—Fight of the Volunteers with the Indians—40 Indians Killed—Major Lupton Mortally Wounded, &c., &c.

[BY THE PACIFIC EXPRESS.]

The *Columbia* brings us the *Crescent City Herald Extra*, of the 12th, from which we obtain the following particulars of the opening of an Indian war in Rogue River Valley :

As to the leading causes of this outbreak, the massacre of the miners on the Upper Klamath in the latter part of July, the murder of several packers, teamsters and travellers on the different routes near the Oregon boundary line, and more recently the killing of two wagoners and their ox-teams, near Cottonwood, by the Indians—all these must still be fresh in the recollection of our readers. The military at Fort Lane, O. T., seemed to be powerless in either restraining or punishing the marauders and the goaded population were at last compelled to rise for their own protection. Mr. Galbraith left Jacksonville on Tuesday, the 9th inst., and the following are the main events which happened up to that time.

A volunteer force of one hundred, or one hundred and twenty-five men, had been formed, and after having completed their arrangements they proceeded on Sunday evening, the 7th inst., to the mouth of Butte creek in the vicinity of Fort Lane in several parties, according to the number of the Rancherias, and commanded respectively by Major Lupton 36 men, Capt. Williams 14, Messrs. Bruce, Miller and Hays 11 each, Mr. Harris 18 and Mr. Newcomb 17 men. Early on Monday morning the volunteers approached the Rancherias, and the Indians first fired upon the Harris' command. The fight then became general and ended in the total defeat of the Indians, 40 of whom left dead on the ground, were afterwards buried by the military from Fort Lane.

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Mr. Galbraith also states that on Tuesday it was reported at Jacksonville, that the Indians burnt the house of Mr. Jones, while the owner himself was killed, and his wife severely wounded. Dr. Barkwell was called to attend on the lady, but it is thought she cannot recover. Messrs. Wagner, Evans and Tuff are also supposed to have been killed, and their houses and property destroyed.

Dr. Crane, U. S. A., and Dr. Barkwell were indefatigable in their exertions to assist and relieve the wounded.

One man killed and another wounded at Jewett's Ferry.—On Tuesday noon intelligence was received at Jacksonville of Mr. Hamilton being killed and a Mr. Westfull wounded by the Indians at Jewett's Ferry, about 16 miles further down the river.

Sailor Diggings.—Fifteen volunteers started in pursuit of the Indians who killed Hudson on the Siskiyou as above reported by Mr. Jackson.

It is hardly necessary to add that the country is represented to be in a general commotion, and that volunteers are called from every section to assist in the extermination of the Indians. As a consequence of this, business and trade is very dull, nor can we look for any material improvement until the Indians are entirely subdued, and the lives and property of the people secured against these savages.

Messrs. Hale & Co., obliged us with the perusal of a letter from W. W. Fowler, Esq., dated at Jacksonville, O. T., 9th October, and which in its main features confirms entirely the information above given. The inactivity of the U. S. forces at Fort Lane is commented upon with some severity.

The *Herald* also gives an account of the finding of the body of Mr. Hudson, a packer, who had started the week previous, in company with his partner, Mr. Wilson, with a train of fourteen mules, from Crescent City. He was shot in the temple with a rifle ball, and had besides some seven or eight arrows in his body. One of the mules was found lying dead, and not far off were scattered the contents of sundry packages of merchandise, together with the old rags which the murderers had exchanged for better clothing found amongst

the packs. No clue had as yet been found as to the whereabouts of Mr. Wilson, the partner of Mr. Hudson, and at the time undoubtedly in his company.

INQUEST ON NICHOLAS MORRIS.—Coroner Kent yesterday held an inquest on the body of Nicholas Morris, the man who was killed in the Kossuth Saloon, on Sunday night, by Peter Milness. Five witnesses were sworn in the matter, whose evidence corresponded in most particulars with the account published in the *Alta* yesterday. The evidence was voluminous; but the only new feature was developed in the testimony of John Nicholson, who swore that Morris was an Austrian, aged about 45 years, and was a fireman on the steamer *Meda*, plying between this city and Napa. Morris came to Nicholson, on Sunday, and asked him where that " " " " was, who had come on board the *Meda* and attempted to shoot him?" The person alluded to was Milness, from which it would appear that the two had had a difficulty at some other time on Sunday. Morris then asked Nicholson to walk up to the Kossuth Saloon, where he had some friends, and he did so. When they arrived at the Saloon Morris walked up to where Milness was engaged in playing dominoes, and then challenged him to go out and fight, but Milness refused, and entreated to be left alone. Morris caught him by the collar, and attempted to drag him out, and also gave him two severe blows. He then saw Milness draw a knife from under his coat and stab the deceased; after which he ran out doors and was taken by a policeman. Milness gave Nicholson a pistol after he cut Morris. The landlord testified that Morris was a married man, and left a wife and three children in Buffalo, N. Y. The verdict of the Jury, on the evidence, was that "the deceased came to his death from the effects of a wound inflicted by Peter Milness."

SAN FRANCISCO LYCEUM.—The discussion before this Association this evening will be "Whether or not Walker's invasion of Nicaragua is justifiable," commencing at half-past 7 o'clock.