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The Indians of Northern California and South-

The Indians of Northern California and Southern Oregon— indeed, we might say, the whole of Oregon—have lately manifested a decidedly belligerent spirit toward the white population. An attempt has been made, it is said, to array all the Indian tribes of the Pacific, from San Diego to Puget Sound, against the American settlements. This attempt has been partially successful in Oregon, as is apparent from late accounts, and that territory is now involved in all the horrors of an Indian war. The tribes, inhabiting the extreme northern region of this State, are evidently in earnest in their works of murder and desolation. They kill men, women, and children, and destroy property, with unswerving remorselessness. For all this, however, they have their apologists, in white men of respectability and intelligence, who say; that they have been goaded into madness by the injustice and cruelties inflicted upon them by reckless and inhuman white men. These apologies for the recent massacres, on the Klamath river and other sections of California, may have their weight with philosophers and thoughtful statesmen, but they will have little effect in preventing the northern settlers from visiting their savage enemies with a thorough and merciless war of extermination.

In this State, much has been done to preserve the aboriginal race from extinction and elevate it in the scale of civilization. The *Tejon* and *Nome Lackee* reservations, established under the authority of the General Government, if conducted in consonance with the intention of their creation, are capable of exerting a highly salutary action, in favor of both Indians and whites.— Though we are of those who believe that the aboriginal American is fated, by some mysterious

anthropological law, to wither away and disappear before the face of the Caucasian, and that no human means can prevent, though they may palliate and prot ~~a~~ t, the operation of this law. we are, nevertheless, anxious that, in the extinction of the red race, no unnecessary cruelty may be recorded by history, to the disadvantage of their white conquerors. The reservations of the Tejon and Nomi Lackee, by placing the Indians in a position to support existence by their own honest labor, without infringing upon the real or supposed rights and interests of their white neighbors, must, if properly conducted, operate to the benefit of both races. Though the ultimate fate of the Indians cannot be averted, the evening of their social existence may be lengthened and made smooth, without too much taxing the philanthropy of the dominant race.

A very sensible and well written editorial, by the editor pro tem, appears in yesterday's *Express*, in which this subject is very ably treated. We select the concluding portion of the last paragraph :

Recent official reports from the Tejon and Nomi Lackee Reservations, represent the condition of the Indians there located as highly flourishing, quiet, and happy. What more then can be asked ? Because their presence may be a little irksome occasionally to the whites in those neighborhoods, who would be glad perhaps to settle on some of those lands which the poor Diggers are so successfully cultivating, it is no reason why they should be removed. A few individuals may wish it—a few newspapers may favor the idea, but we will venture to say that it is not the sentiment of the people of this State—and certainly it is no sentiment of justice. Give them a fair trial, and allow posterity some *little* chance to praise the humanity of the present generation

SHASTA—DERIVATION OF THE NAME—The *Shasta Republican* says that the word Shasta is derived from the Russian language. Many years ago, and among the first travellers who visited this portion of the Pacific coast, a party of Russians passed through California, going from the north to the south. They gave a name to many of the more prominent landmarks which they encountered in their journey. To the north