

OF THE BEST HOTELS NORTH OF SHASTA.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—“A Layman” is respectfully informed that no anonymous communication can find place in our columns. If gentlemen will not trust us we will not trust them. Besides no communication calculated to bring discredit on the Christian religion, can, under any circumstances, gain admittance in our pages. Neither are our columns open for religious discussions. Ours is intended to be a *news* paper. The San Francisco and Sacramento religious press afford ample facilities for the publication of purely religious disputations.

EIGHT INDIANS KILLED.—A party of Coast Range Indians on the 11th inst., Mr. Tracy of Adams' Express writes us, run off some five or six head of horses belonging to Mr. Thomas Middleton near Red Bank Creek. As soon as the theft was known Henry Lutman and John Breckenbridge started in pursuit. They came up with the Indians the day following, when a most desperate encounter ensued, the two white men putting the entire band to flight, after killing eight of their number. A hundred such men will accomplish more in securing peace with the Indians than a whole mule load of philanthropic treaties.

AN UNFORTUNATE OCCURRENCE.—An Indian was shot the other day at Woodman's Ranch, on the east side of the Sacramento, under rather unfortunate circumstances. It seems that several men of one of the tribes were being examined upon an accusation of stealing an ox. From some cause some of them became frightened and broke and run, when the owner of the missing ox immediately shot down one of the absconding party. The next day the ox was found

minged in the mud. This is a most unfortunate occurrence, and may eventuate in the death of some innocent white man. The whites should be most careful not to punish any but the guilty Indians.

CORRECTION.—In the hurry of going to press last week, several egregious errors occurred in the advertisements of Messrs. Talbot & Seaton. Instead of saying that they had “10,000 lbs. of flour” for sale, we made it “1,000 lbs.”—and for “2,500 lbs. of No. 1 China Sugar,” we had “25,000 lbs.”

RHODES & LUSK'S EXPRESS.—We take pleasure in returning thanks to Messrs. Rhodes & Lusk for California papers and numerous other favors during the week.

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