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The Pitt River Diggings.

The excitement which has prevailed throughout this County, relative to these new and rich diggings, for two weeks past, has surpassed any thing of the kind that we have ever witnessed in this section of the State. Miners have been flocking thither in crowds, and at the present time there cannot be less than two thousand men in that locality. Indeed some localities of the county have been almost entirely depopulated by this sudden exodus of miners. We are happy to state that, according to predominant accounts, these diggings have not been misrepresented in the *Courier*. They are both rich and extensive, and a vast amount of mining will be done there during the summer. We understand the miners have forbidden the establishment of gambling houses in these diggings.

One good effect of this speedy transfer of so large a portion of our mining population to that section of the county, is the sudden cessation of hostilities on the part of the Pitt River Indians. They seem astonished and appalled. We trust they may continue so, otherwise their total destruction is almost certain. Let no one be deceived, however, by their seeming friendship. The Indian has no friendship for the white man. And unless the miners in these new diggings are particularly careful, many of them will lose their lives at the hands of those wiley and treacherous savages.

AN INDIAN THIEF KILLED BY ORDER OF HIS

CHIEF.—A few days ago, one of the Cow Creek Indians stole some property from one of the Ranch men near Cow Creek. As soon as his chief, Numtarimon, ascertained the fact, he, with some of his men, started in pursuit of the offender, and caught him a short distance above Woodman's Ranch. While returning to the Ranch the thief endeavored to make his escape, when, by order of Numtarimon, he was shot dead with arrows. This is one of the good results of a stern policy towards the Indians. It has cowed that tribe; they fear the whites; Numtarimon sees the speedy and utter annihilation of his tribe, unless they will live on terms of friendship with the whites. Hence, and it is the only reason, he does all that one man can do to keep his men from stealing stock from the whites. Numtarimon is what we call "much good Indian"—that is, an Indian who refrains from stealing through fear.

WASHINGTON QUARTZ COMPANY.—The vein owned by this company has been yielding the most satisfactory results ever since it has been opened. Indeed we have sufficient evidence to justify the belief that this vein is not surpassed by richness in the State, and we are informed by Mr. Fehley that the vein cannot be worked out for years. We believe there is none of this company's stock for sale. The company is composed of practical miners—men who do their own work, and consequently they have no more stampers employed than just sufficient to keep a dozen or two of men profitably employed. They intend during the summer, however, to increase the extent of their operations, and take out the ore in still greater amounts. At present however, all the stockholders, if we are not much mistaken, are very quietly getting rich fast.