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From Yreka.

We are indebted to Jack Horsley, of Cram, Rogers & Co's Express, for the delivery of the *Mountain Herald* of the 25th.

There seems but little doubt that the Indians of the north, ever since the inglorious affair at the Cave on the Klamath river, have been fully determined to combine and make a general attack upon the white settlements. In Scott Valley they have recently been indulging in their thieving propensities with unusual audacity. On last Thursday night signal fires appeared on the Mountains in view of Yreka; and in the Cottonwood District their conduct has been such as not to admit of the slightest doubt but what it is their intention to attack the whites ere many moons. The citizens of Cottonwood have held a meeting upon the subject, and recommended the people of the valley to prepare to defend their lives and property. There was also to have been a meeting held in Yreka on Saturday, to determine upon the proper mode to meet and avert the threatened danger.

The *Herald* says:—

A few days since, a party from Cottonwood arrested a colored man who has been living at the Mountain House. He acknowledged having just returned from the Cave. They put a rope around his neck, and were about to hang him, when he made, in effect, the following statement:

“I went to the Cave for the purpose of obtaining the money taken from the whites who were recently killed. I informed the Indians that if they would give me the money, I would buy ammunition with it for them. I had no intention

of making such use of it, if I had obtained it. I wanted the money myself. The Indians said they had already expended the money for powder. They said that some Kanackas in one of the gulches below Yreka, who had some of their squaws, bought them powder. They had three flour sacks full of cans of powder, four or five hundred pounds of lead, and a good supply of caps. They had 45 U. S. Yaugers. I saw them. They say they can get all the powder they want from the whites at Yreka. A Scott Valley Chief was with them when I was there. He brought them provisions. They say that the Modocks will join them this moon, and that a general war against the whites will then commence. They are now industriously engaged in hunting, making arrows, and other extensive preparations for a general outbreak. They say that Tipsey will make a general attack on Applegate, and Joe and Sam on Rogue river Valley. The plan is first to attack De Witt's Ferry, on the Klamath—then Cottonwood and the ranches throughout all the Valleys, and run all the stock to the Modock country. They say they can whip the whites. I went hunting with them—rode Mr. Price's mare, that they stole from him some time since. They have 27 stolen horses. They said Swill would join them this moon, and bring them what help he could in the shape of ammunition and guns."

That part of the darky's statement which related to his motives in visiting the Cave, being corroborated by Messrs. Cole and Sandbauch, gentlemen of worth and veracity, saved his neck. He is yet at Cottonwood, and will be seen to until the difficulty is over. The Ferry Boat on the Klamath will be taken out and stowed away, to prevent its being destroyed by the Indians. The river is not fordable, and this will stop all communication from the north.—The citizens of Cottonwood will all concentrate in the town for defence.

Let every man in the country who has weapons of any kind see that they are in order—cast balls—get your guns in good order, and keep them so, that you can use them at a moment's warning. Keep your eyes on your stock, and see that they are not run off. We must defend