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EDS. COURIER:—Thy views relative to the magnificent steamboat combination, are the views of the vast majority of the people in this section of the State. Would time permit, I would offer some random reflections in confirmation of thy suggestions in the *Courier* of the 11th inst. As it is, I am debarred the privilege, not for want of inclination, but an opportunity. Suffice it to say, we have every reason to view this combination (is it not correct to term it abombination?) arrangement, with its new system of charges, as decidedly at variance with the prosperity, the improvement, and the best interests of this place and Shasta. For one, I am fully convinced that such will be the result. My reasons may be given on a future occasion. Having my whole interests permanently fixed in this place and Shasta, it is with sad feelings I view this organization, especially at this present period. Unfortunately, we have been swallowed up in the malstrom—not willingly, by any means, rest assured. What the ultimate effects will be, time alone will acquaint us. Let us hope for the best, even if the mighty are in power.

As in life we have many ills to contend with, yet far more blessings do we enjoy. So it is with what we have to communicate—one paragraph may be burdened with ill, while the succeeding one may contain the reverse. Herein

is an instance. To the grain growers; it is with great satisfaction we inform thee of the shipment of the "Red Bluff Steam Flouring Mill," with its entire machinery complete, on the fifth of February. We have reason to expect its arrival about the first of May. Full preparations will be made to have it in perfect order to manufacture flour, so soon as the next harvest is gathered.

Another matter worthy of being chronicled, was recently achieved by our townsmen, in the pursuit, and attack, and complete destruction of a band of Indians, who have stolen more property in this immediate vicinity, than the entire Digger race is worth. A very worthy Spaniard had all his animals stolen on the night of the 8th. A party of seven men, headed by Mr Palmer and Maxwell, pursued the thieves, came up to the ranch at dark, and then encamped until morning, when they made a descent upon them, and, with rifle and revolver, placed some fifteen or twenty of those pests to our property beyond the exercise of their stealing propensities. In this one single enterprise of seven men, they have honorably achieved more military glory than all the the military moves and parades we have had in our midst for eighteen months. It is to the energy of our citizens we must look for the protection of our lives and property, and not to the military force in our midst—as that force has heretofore proved useless, so far as protection of our property is concerned.

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EDITORS SHASTA COURIER;—Our usually quiet town has been in considerable commotion during the past few days, on account of the gross injustice of some of the county officers. It is