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### Crime in Butte County.

Present appearances seem to indicate that crime is on the increase in this county. Notwithstanding in the past six months we have sent 4 persons from this county to the State Penitentiary, there is already a tolerably well filled docket for the approaching August term. There are two to be tried on the charge of murder, and one we believe for grand Larceny. James Goodwin for shooting a negro at the head of the Honcut, and Pat Daagherty for shooting an Indian woman. There has been an indictment standing against the latter about six months for inciting the Indians to commit depredations; but he has heretofore succeeded in avoiding the officers. We understand that he has been living with the Indians since 1840 or '41, and had married an Indian woman, of whom he became jealous, recently, and shot. The Indians after wounding him, captured and delivered him over to the authorities. Between the two charges, we are inclined to believe that Pat will not again, very soon at least, lead the gallant diggers to the "tented field," but will be of service to the State at Corte Madera, provided he concludes not to join his forest bride in "that bourne from whence no traveller returns." Without referring particularly to the case under consideration, (with the facts of which we are not familiar) we presume we may be permitted to remark that the Indians will be taught quite as much of inexorable justice if we hang a white man for killing an Indian, as they would by our hanging an Indian for killing a white man. They have sense sufficient to distinguish between justice and revenge, and the white man should not be the first to practice the latter where the former is required. Of the shooting of the negro, we shall speak more

tully after a trial has developed the facts in the case. Butte county enjoys a character for the administration of justice, which, in these times of crimes and acquittals is like a green spot in the desert, and we would warn depredators to choose some other field for their exploits, or be sure they dodge the officers of justice.

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“THE PURITY OF WHIG CONVENTIONS.”—

The Marysville *Herald*, says it has an abiding faith in the purity of whig conventions, and, we suppose, of the Sacramento Convention in particular. Now we have learned from the very best authority, that their convention was not quite as pure as drifting snow, after all; but that the nominations would have been quite different had there not been the usual amount of “bargain and sale” dicker. Had it not been for such bargain and sale we most solemnly believe the editor of the *Herald* would have received the nomination for Clerk of the Supreme Court. Mr Bowie was not a candidate for Congress, until after the *purity* of the proceedings began to manifest itself. He went there as a candidate for the Clerkship of the Supreme Court. Nevada County also desired to the candidate for that office, and by supporting Mr. Bowie for Congress not only got him out of the way of their candidate for Clerk, but likewise secured his support. That a similar contract was made with Mr. Calhoun Benham, may be inferred from the fact that the delegates from San Francisco who supported Benham, also supported Bowie. Here then the fact exhibits itself, that San Francisco has a whig clique quite as remorseless in their hunger for office as the Broderick faction, and a candidate from the Northern portion of California who desires nomination in their state convention, must bow the knee to San Francisco. If this is not so, why did not the convention nominate Mr. Wood of Contra Costa? Simply because he went there with the determination to abide by the choice of the convention, and scorned