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Pitt River Indians.

They are superior, both physically and intellectually, to the great body of California Indians. This opinion is borne out by the superior strategy and remarkable prowess so frequently displayed in their prosecution of hostilities against the whites. The history of this county since '49, places beyond the reach of successful contradiction the assertion that their men are the most daring and intrepid warriors in California. Without professing to absolute accuracy, but intending to be considerably within bounds, we do not hesitate to express the belief that the files of the *Courier* will show that they have killed more than fifty whites within the past three years. And the instances are on record of their having made the most desperate fights, hand to hand, with white men.

They are also the most enterprising Indians in the State. This is evidenced by the fact that they have not, in their war and plundering excursions, confined themselves strictly to those settlements immediately adjoining the district of coun-

try which they inhabit, the usual custom with other tribes; but, with remarkable boldness and success, have made excursions into Trinity and Siskiyou on the north, and Colusi and Butte on the south; thus ranging over a country at least one hundred and fifty miles in extent—*Shasta Courier.*

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