

writes from Bestville that two men named Craig and Moran, had a difficulty with regard to a fight between two other men, when the former struck the latter in the face twice; then Moran drew a knife and stabbed Craig to the heart, killing him instantly. Moran made his escape, but was finally arrested by the officers of the law, from whom he was violently wrested. A jury of the people was then empaneled, and he was tried and convicted of manslaughter in the first degree. Not satisfied with the verdict, the mob took the miserable prisoner and hung him to a tree. Moran was a young man, born in the city of New York. If the above account is true, (and it is vouched for by the editor,) it is an unmitigated case of murder, and should be visited by the severest penalties known to the law.

INDIAN WAR ON THE KLAMATH.—The *Yreka Herald*, extra, contains the following letter from a pretty reliable source :

BESTVILLE, Jan. 18, 1855,

It appears that the people on the Klamath river in this county are in the midst of an Indian war.

A letter to Capt. Best, of this place, from Stephen Smith, at the mouth of Salmon river, arrived here on yesterday, calling on the citizens here for assistance. Four men have been killed, several wounded, and more are missing, among the latter is James Strawbridge, the expressman from Trinidad.

The difficulty grew out of the lawless acts of certain persons who were in the habit of forcing the Squaws. Sam Harris a few weeks ago shot an Indian for attempting to prevent him from ravishing a squaw claimed by the Indian.

Such men deserve the rope. But as innocent men are made to suffer, the Indians must be subdued. Capt. Best, M. Luddy, and twenty others, started this morning for the scene of action, among whom was Dr. Willard—a surgeon.

In haste, E.

THE FOLLOWING are taken from the weekly summary of the *Alta California* of Feb. 1.

Wm. Bay, who was tried in the District Court for the murder of James Cavanagh, and acquitted on Saturday last, was found on Sunday with his throat cut. His dying declaration was, that he had been killed by Woolly Kearny.

Petitions are circulating all over the State for the pardon of John Tabor, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Mr. Mansfield, late editor of the San Joaquin *Republican*.

A native Californian and two Chilenos were hung at Turner's Ferry, on the San Joaquin, by order of Judge Lynch, a few days since. They were arrested for cattle stealing, but owned to having committed numerous murders.

The worshippers of Thomas Paine in this city celebrated his birth-day on the 29th, by a public dinner at the Franklin Restaurant. They called it the "Feast of Reason."