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As we announced in our paper of last week and the week before, the Indians on the South Fork of Trinity River have recently become very troublesome to the settlers in that section of the county. We understand that the depredations which have been committed were the acts of Indians who have recently returned from the reservation at Colusa. The friendly Indians say that they were driven away from the reservation by the agent at that place. It is more probable, in our opinion, that they left of their own accord.

Three months ago, when the Sub Indian-Agent was endeavoring to induce the Indians of this county to go to the Reservation, we expressed the opinion, that the attempt to remove them from their native hills would be useless. We said, that even if they were to go to the Reservation, they would not remain there any length of time, but would soon be back again, more ready than before for murder, theft, and petty depredations—and the sequel has proved the correctness of our remarks.

The question now is, what shall be done with them? Can anything be done to protect the settlers from their depredations?—Can anything be done towards the civilization of the Indians? The only way, in our

opinion, both to protect our citizens and at the same time promote the civilization of the Indians, is to establish a reservation somewhere in this county. There is a large scope of country in the neighborhood of the South Fork of Trinity well adapted for this purpose, and the Indians can easily be persuaded to locate there. Once settled there with a suitable person in charge of the reservation they would soon become sufficiently skilled in agriculture to raise everything necessary for their maintainance; and, instead of our continually hearing of instances of annoying depredations on the part of the Indians, and cruel retaliation on the part of the whites, we would receive the agreeable intelligence of our citizens pursuing their avocations in undisturbed security, and of the wild savages becoming sensible of the advantages of civilization and satisfied with their new mode of life.

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SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS.—The gentlemen constituting the special board for districting the county for the election of Supervisors, think that we were unnecessarily harsh in the expression of our opinion of the manner in which they performed their duty. We do not wish to question the motives of the gentlemen, or impute to them an *intention* to inflict a wrong on the people of the Second District; but we do think they have shown themselves to be unacquainted with the county and its population. The election returns of last September would, if they had consulted them, made manifest the injustice they were